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SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Re New York letter to Bureau, 3/4/65.

I. MAN DAYS EXPENDED AND ASSIGNED  
TO PROGRAM

During the month of March, 1965, 1,538 man days were expended on this program.

During the month of March, 1965, 1,664 man days were assigned to this program.

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III. UTILIZATION OF TOP ECHELON  
CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

During the month of March, 1965, there were ☐ top echelon criminal informants being actively handled under this program.

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During the month of March, 1965, ☐ additional top echelon criminal informants were developed.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF "LA COSA  
NOSTRA" MEMBERS

As of March, 1965, 802 members of "La Cosa Nostra" have been identified as being present in the territory of the New York Office.

It is noted that the above figure represents a reduction from that previously reported. This is attributed to the office of origin being changed in some instances and also to the fact that in some cases individual members were carried by nicknames and have subsequently been identified as being identical with others carried as members under their true names.

During the month of March, 1965, 2 members of "La Cosa Nostra" were identified as such as a result of live member sources.

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During the month of March, 1965, 3 individuals were identified as being members of "La Cosa Nostra" by live non-member sources.

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V. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Arrests



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As previously reported in referenced letter, the NYO was conducting two fugitive investigations on two known members of the CARLO GAMBINO "family" of "La Cosa Nostra". In regard to the investigation of PETER JOSEPH FERRARA aka; UFAP - MURDER, NY File 88-6867, close liaison with an individual at the "New York Daily News" resulted in an article appearing in the Sunday edition of that newspaper on 3/28/65 concerning FERRARA and three other related UFAP fugitives. As a result of an anonymous phone call, FERRARA was located on the following day, 3/29/65 at Doctors Hospital, Staten Island, New York, where FERRARA was confined as a patient after sustaining two heart attacks. FERRARA was registered in the hospital under the name FRANK DE CICCIO.

SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO (NY File 92-1586), "consiglieri", was cited for civil contempt on 3/2/65 before USDC Judge CHARLES H. TENNEY relative to Federal Communications Commission, Sections 203 and 501. BONANNO refused to answer questions when afforded immunity concerning the disappearance of his father, JOSEPH BONANNO, and when questioned regarding his, SALVATORE's, phone calls to his father's attorney, WILLIAM POWER MALONEY, on 12/18/64.

On 3/2/65, Judge TENNEY sentenced BONANNO to an indefinite term at the Federal House of Detention, New York City.



B. Indictments

On 3/17/65, VINCENT JOHN RAO was indicted on 5 counts of perjury in the SDNY as a direct result of FBI investigation.

On 3/18/65, an indictment was returned in the SDNY, charging [redacted] with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952 and 1302.

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C. Convictions

On 3/12/65, JAMES PLUMERI was sentenced to 2 and one-half years, custody of the Attorney General, for income tax violations, in the SDNY. PLUMERI is presently on \$35,000 bail pending appeal.

VI. ANTICIPATED PROSECUTIVE ACTION

AUSA [redacted] SDNY, has advised that during April, 1965, he anticipates [redacted] FGJ. SDNY. [redacted]

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A. Fugitives

The following fugitive investigations are presently being conducted on three known members of "La Cosa Nostra":

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ANGELO MELI - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY File 88-6868

JOSEPH NICKOLAS FARINELLA - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY File 88-7172

NICHOLAS RUSSO - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY File 88-6870

The above individuals are charged with the gangland slaying of ALFREDO SANTANTONIO on 7/11/63 in Brooklyn, NY.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Information which was developed by [redacted]  
and made available to local authorities regarding [redacted]

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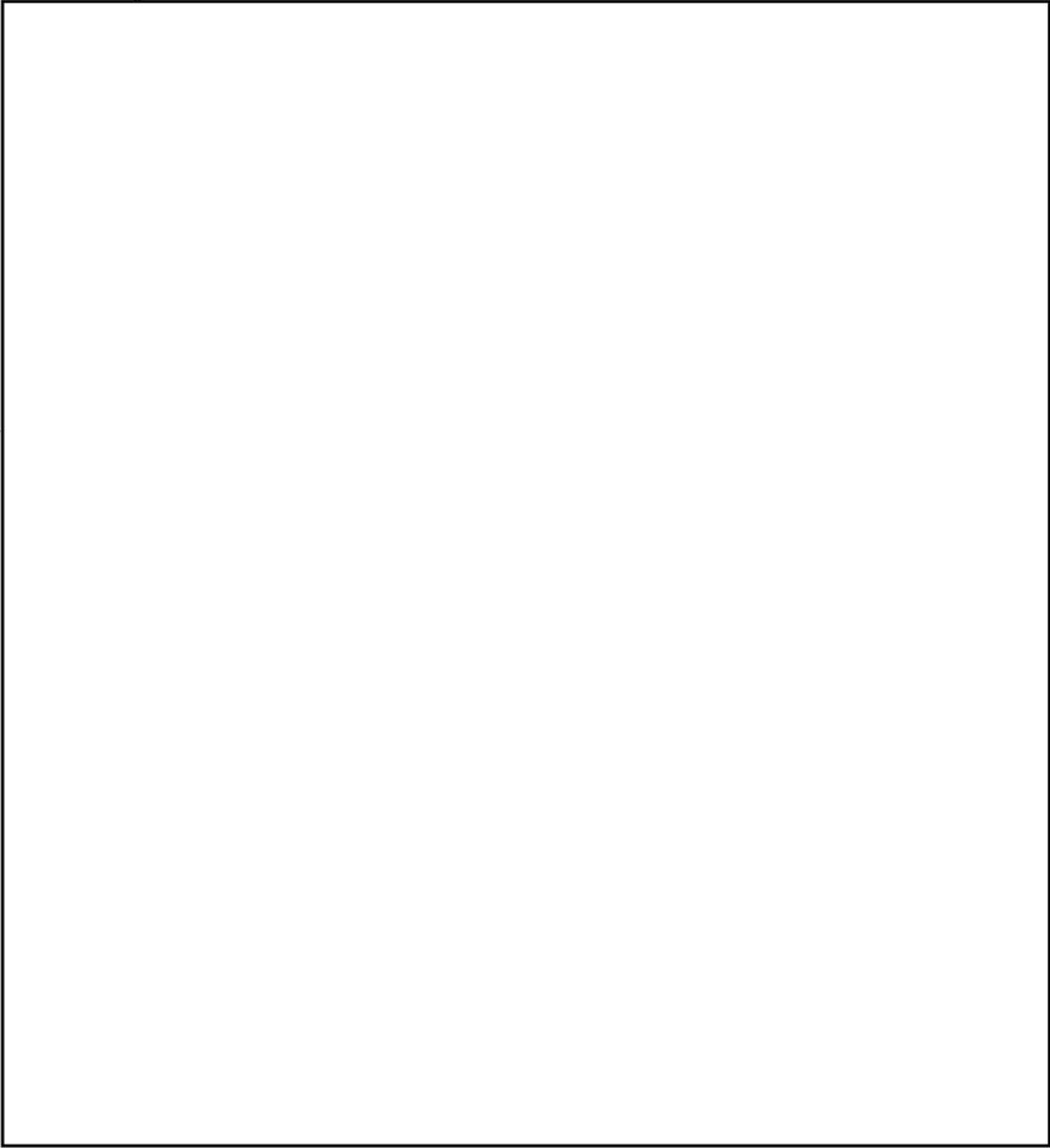
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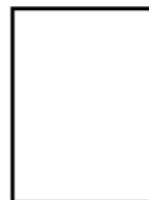
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-864)  
SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO aka  
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DATE: 4/5/65

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    (1- 92-3603) (GASPAR DI GREGORIO)  
    (1- 92-2827) (JOHN MORALES)  
    (1- 92-3685) (GASPAR MAGADDINO)  
    (1- 92-657) (CARLO GAMBINO)  
    (1- 92-665) (THOMAS LUCHESE)  
    (1- 92-1288) (CHARLES BATTAGLIA)  
    (1- 92- ) (VITO BONVENTRE)  
    (1- 92-2683) (SALVATORE PROFACI)  
    (1- 92-668) (JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO)  
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(1- 92-2699)	{SMITTY D'ANGELO}
(1- 92-640)	{JOHN BONVENTRE}
(1- 92-774)	{JOE ZICARELLI}
(1- 92-1443)	{ANDIMO PAPADIO}
(1- 92-658)	{VITO GENOVESE}

Referenced Bureau letter enclosed

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (92-554)  
SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO, aka  
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Re Buffalo "June" memorandum to Bureau dated  
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- 2 - Boston (Info)
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- 4 - Chicago (Info)
  - (1 - 92-349, SAM GIANCANA)
  - (1 - 92-1173, LCN)
  - (1 - 92-344, ANTHONY ACCARDO)
- 2 - Cleveland (Info)
  - (1 - 92-748, LCN)
- 2 - Detroit (Info)
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- 3 - Los Angeles (Info)
  - (1 - 92-1112, LCN)
  - (1 - 92-107, FRANK DE SIMONE)
- 2 - Miami (Info)
  - (1 - 92-853, LCN)
- 4 - Newark (Info)
  - (1 - 92-1203, LCN)
  - (1 - 92-722-Sub 3, SAM DE CAVALCANER)
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  - (1 - 92- , JOSEPH NOTARO)
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- 5 - Buffalo
  - (1 - 92-337-Sub 3, LCN)
  - (1 - 92-550-Sub 1, JOSEPH BONANNO)
- 6 - Philadelphia
  - (1 - 92-1449, JOHN AVENA)
  - (1 - 92-1377, SALVATORE SABELLA)
  - (1 - 92-444, ANGELO BRUNO)
  - (1 - 92-448, JOSEPH RUGNETTA)
  - (1 - 92-1027, LCN)
  - (1 - 92-554, STEVE MAGADDINO)

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The following observations are suggested by  
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Date: 5/4/65

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Via AIRTEL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

JUNE

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

SUBJECT : CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Re NY airtel to Bureau dated 4/2/65.

I. MAN DAYS EXPENDED AND ASSIGNED  
TO PROGRAM

During the month of April, 1965, 1,557 man days were expended on this program.

During the month of April, 1965, 1,694 man days were assigned to this program.

During the month of April, 1965, there were 78 Agents assigned exclusively to the Criminal Intelligence Program.

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8 - New York (92-632)

- (1 - 92-638) (BONANNO "Family") (Info.)
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- (1 - 92-658) (GENOVESE "Family") (Info.)
- (1 - 92-665) (LUCHESE "Family") (Info.)
- (1 - 92-1965) (COLOMBO "Family") (Info.)
- (1 - 92-2300) ("La Cosa Nostra") (Info.)

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### III. UTILIZATION OF TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

During the month of April, 1965, there were ☐ top echelon criminal informants being actively handled under this program.

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During the month of April, 1965, [ ] additional top echelon criminal informant was developed.

#### IV. IDENTIFICATION OF "LA COSA NOSTRA" MEMBERS

As of April, 1965, 805 members of "La Cosa Nostra" have been identified as being present in the territory of the New York Office.

During the month of April, 1965, three individuals were identified as being members of "La Cosa Nostra" by live non-member sources.

V. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Arrests - During April, 1965

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B. Indictments

On 4/14/65, AUSA [redacted] SDNY. advised [redacted]  
that [redacted] sealed [redacted]

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C. Convictions

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ITAR - GAMBLING  
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On 4/19/65, a motion to suppress evidence obtained in this case by postal authorities was denied in USDC, SDNY. On 4/20/65, [REDACTED] entered a plea of guilty to violation of Title 18, Section 1302, USC.

D. Recoveries

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VI. ANTICIPATED PROSECUTIVE ACTION

During April, 1965, information was received from  
USA, SDNY, that [redacted]  
the FGJ, SDNY. [redacted]  
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A. Fugitives

The following fugitive investigations are presently  
being conducted on three known members of "La Cosa Nostra":

ANGELO MELI - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY 88-6868

JOSEPH NICKOLAS FARINELLA - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY 88-7172

NICHOLAS RUSSO - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY 88-6870

The above individuals are charged with the gangland  
slaying of ALFREDO SANTANTONIO on 7/11/63, in Brooklyn, NY.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

JAMES PLUMERI aka Jimmy Doyle, on 4/20/65, withdrew  
his appeal from an income tax conviction and surrendered to the  
US Marshal to begin serving a 2½ year prison term.

US Court of Appeals, on 4/5/65, affirmed the conviction  
of CARMINE TRAMUNTI on contempt violation.

[redacted] and  
[redacted] appeared in USDC, EDNY, on 4/20/65, before  
USDJ RAYFIEL and were remanded to custody following denial of  
their appeal for a new trial by the Second Circuit Court of  
Appeals.

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As reported in referenced airtel, SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO (NY File 92-1586), "consiglieri", was cited for civil contempt on 3/2/65, before USDC Judge CHARLES H. TENNEY, relative to Federal Communications Commission, Sections 203 and 501.

On 4/30/65, SALVATORE VINCENT BONANNO's appeal of Judge TENNEY's civil contempt citation was rejected by the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Information copies of this communication are being furnished the designated NY files to assist in the over-all coordination of this program.

Date: 6/4/65

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 5/4/65.

I. MAN DAYS EXPENDED AND ASSIGNED  
TO PROGRAM

During the month of May, 1965, 1,334 man days were expended on this program.

During the month of May, 1965, 1,540 man days were assigned to this program.

During the month of May, 1965, there were 77 Agents assigned exclusively to the Criminal Intelligence Program. It is to be noted that one Agent assigned to this program is presently on temporary assignment in the Dominican Republic, thus accounting for the decrease in the number of men normally assigned to this program.

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- (1 - 92-658) (GENOVESE "family") (Info)
- (1 - 92-665) (LUCHESE "family") (Info)
- (1 - 92-1965) (COLOMBO "family") (Info)
- (1 - 92-2300) ("La Cosa Nostra") (Info)

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III. UTILIZATION OF TOP ECHELON  
CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

During the month of May, 1965, there were ☐ top echelon criminal informants being actively handled under this program.

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During the month of May, 1965, ☐ additional top echelon criminal informants were developed, however, one was discontinued.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF "LA COSA  
NOSTRA" MEMBERS

As of May, 1965, 811 members of LCN have been identified as being present in the territory of the New York Office.

During the month of May, 1965, two members of LCN were identified as such by live member sources.

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During the month of May, 1965, three individuals were identified as being members of LCN by live non-member sources.

V. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Arrests

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On 5/13/65, CHARLES TOURINE, aka Charley White, Charley the Blade, reportedly a member of LCN, was apprehended by Special Agents of the NYO for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1952, 371 and 2. TOURINE made \$20,000 bail set by the United States Commissioner, SDNY. Preliminary hearing was scheduled for 5/18/65.

On 5/18/65, CHARLES TOURINE waived removal hearing before United States Commissioner, SDNY; continued on \$20,000 bail, pending appearance before USDC, District of Columbia, on date to be determined by that court.

B. Indictments

On 5/25/65, facts regarding the case captioned, [REDACTED] aka: ITLT", were presented to the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY. AUSA [REDACTED] advised a true bill was returned charging [REDACTED] with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1310 and 2.

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VI. ANTICIPATED PROSECUTIVE ACTION

[REDACTED] Federal Grand Jury, SDNY, [REDACTED]

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A. Fugitives

The following fugitive investigations are presently being conducted on three known members of LCN:

ANGELO MELI - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY File 88-6868

JOSEPH NICKOLAS FARINELLA - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY File 88-7172

NICHOLAS RUSSO - FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY File 88-6870

The above individuals are charged with the gangland slaying of ALFREDO SANTANTONIO on 7/11/63, in Brooklyn, NY.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

United States Court of Appeals on 5/18/65 affirmed the contempt conviction of SALVATORE SHILLITANI and on 5/25/65, affirmed the contempt conviction of ANDIMO PAPPADIO.

[REDACTED] Federal Grand Jury, SDNY.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-632-Sub T)  
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NEW YORK DIVISION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Re NY airtel to Bureau, 6/4/65, and NY report of  
SA [redacted] 6/25/65, captioned "LA COSA NOSTRA".

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I. MAN DAYS EXPENDED AND ASSIGNED  
TO PROGRAM

During the month of June, 1965, 1,443 man days were expended on this program.

During the month of June, 1965, 1,650 man days were assigned to this program.

During the month of June, 1965, there were 76 Agents assigned exclusively to the Criminal Intelligence Program. The decrease in one man from the figure reported in referenced airtel is accounted for by the transfer of one Agent from the NYO.

3 Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)  
8 New York (92-632)

(1- 92-638)	(BONANNO "family")	(Info)
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(1- 92-658)	(GENOVESE "family")	(Info)
(1- 92-665)	(LUCHESE "family")	(Info)
(1- 92-1965)	(COLOMBO "family")	(Info)
(1- 92-2300)	("La Cosa Nostra")	(Info)

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III. UTILIZATION OF TOP ECHELON  
CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

During the month of June, 1965, there were  top echelon criminal informants being actively handled under this program.

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During the month of June, 1965,  additional top echelon criminal informants were developed.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF "LA COSA NOSTRA"  
MEMBERS

As of June, 1965, 587 members of "La Cosa Nostra" have been identified as being present in the territory of the NYO.

It will be noted that this is a substantial decrease in the number previously furnished, however, with the submission of referenced report the present figure was arrived at to conform therewith. It should be further noted that the discrepancy can be attributed to the subtraction of suspected members and those members identified only by nicknames.

During the month of June, 1965, one member of "La Cosa Nostra" was identified as such by a live member source.

V. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Arrests

On 6/9/65, ANGELO MELI, a Federal fugitive and subject of NY case file 88-6868, was arrested by Bureau Agents and detectives of the NYCPD. MELI was subsequently turned over to the NYCPD for arraignment on a murder charge.

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It is to be noted that MELI along with JOSEPH NICHOLAS FARINELLA and NICHOLAS RUSSO, also Federal fugitives, were being sought for prosecution in connection with the gangland slaying of ALFREDO SANTANTONIO on 7/11/63, in Brooklyn, NY.

On 6/22/65, FARINELLA surrendered to the Trenton, NJ PD. He is presently free on \$20,000 bail and fighting extradition from NJ to NY.

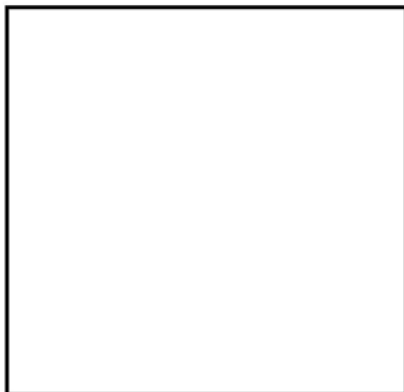
On 6/8/65, RUSSO surrendered to the Brooklyn County DA's Squad and is presently free on \$25,000 bail.



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VI. ANTICIPATED PROSECUTIVE ACTION

During June, 1965, the following NY subjects, arrested as race horse "touts" during March, 1964, by the NYO, appeared in USDC, SDNY and pled not guilty to indictments charging them with violations of Title 18, USC, Sections 1084 and 2:



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The dates for motions and/or tentative trial for the above individuals were set for 7/12 and 19/65. Subject [redacted] did not appear due to illness; his hearing was rescheduled. Subject [redacted] failed to appear. AUSA, SDNY, advised [redacted]  
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AUSA, SDNY, opined during June, 1965, that investigation has developed sufficient information to establish probable cause and the ability to secure search warrants for the car and person of subject [redacted] allegedly has been writing numbers at his place of employment in Stamford, Connecticut, and depositing them at a drop in Mt. Vernon, NY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-632)

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ReNYairtel to Bureau, 7/8/65.

I. MAN DAYS EXPENDED AND ASSIGNED  
TO PROGRAM

During the month of July, 1965, 1,217 man days were expended on this program.

During the month of July, 1965, 1,596 man days were assigned to this program.

During the month of July, 1965, there were 76 Agents assigned exclusively to the Criminal Intelligence Program.

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III. UTILIZATION OF TOP ECHELON  
CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

During the month of July, 1965, there were ☐ top

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echelon criminal informants being actively handled under this program.

During the month of July, 1965, ☐ additional top echelon criminal informants were developed.

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IV. IDENTIFICATION OF "LA COSA  
NOSTRA" MEMBERS

As of July, 1965, 590 members of "La Cosa Nostra" have been identified as being present in the territory of the New York Office.

During the month of July, 1965, two members of "La Cosa Nostra" were identified as such by a live member source.

During the month of July, 1965, two members of "La Cosa Nostra" were identified as such by live non-member sources.

The known membership of the GAMBINO "family" was decreased by one with the death of ARTHUR (CHINK) LEO, "Capodecina".

V. PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Arrests

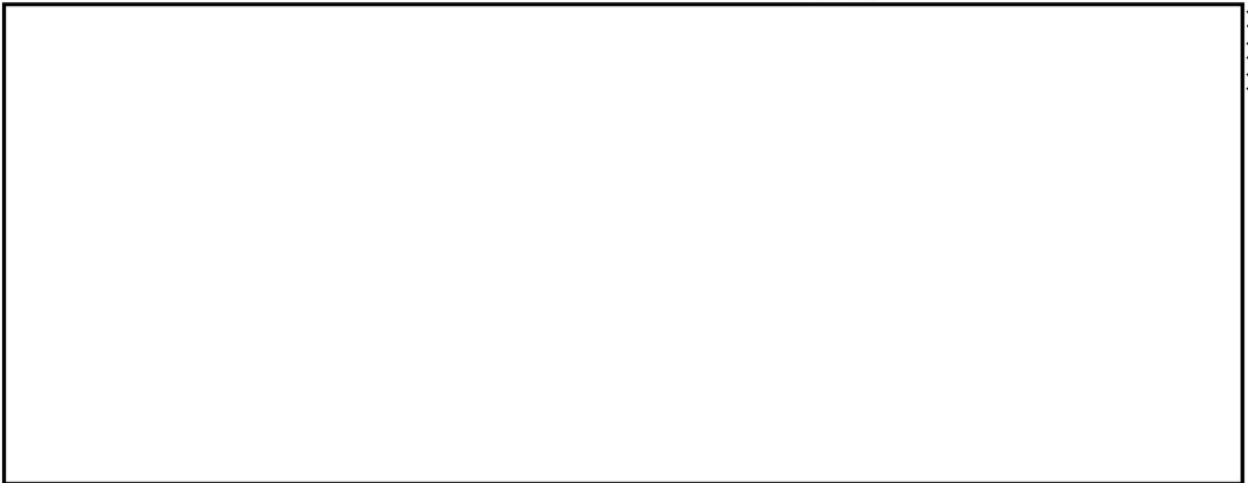
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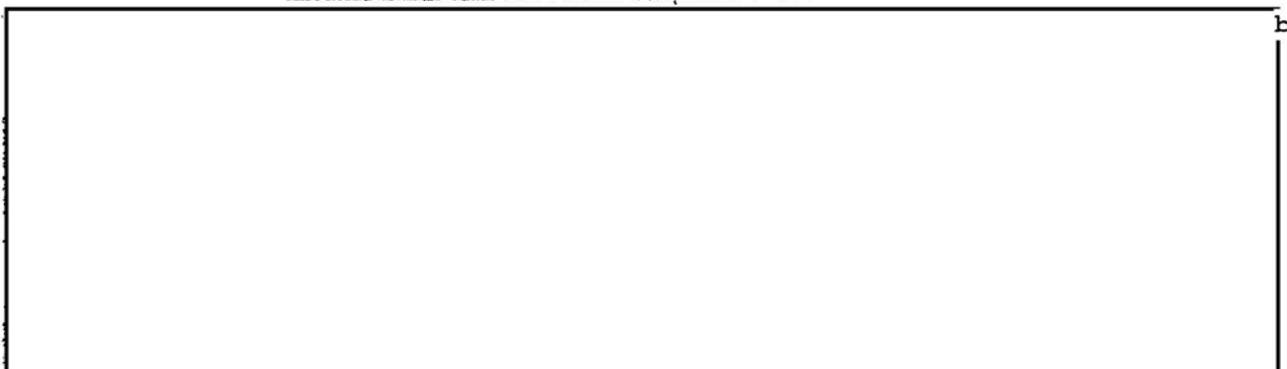
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b. Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) Action



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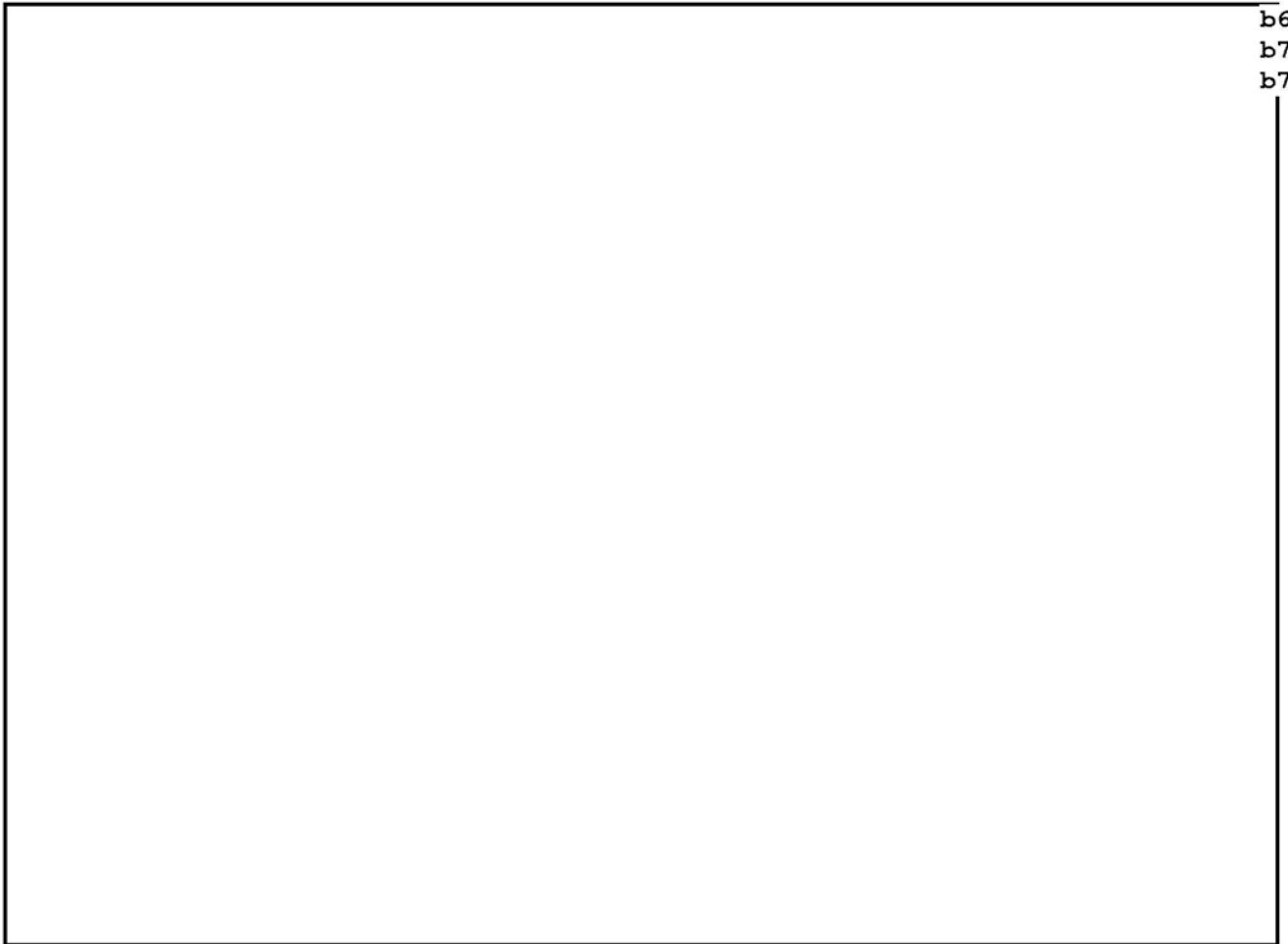
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (92-665)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (92-203) (P)

DATE: 6/5/62

SUBJECT: THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
AR  
(OO: New York)

JUNE

Re Miami letter to New York, 4/12/62.

On May 14, 1962, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Balmoral Hotel, Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, Florida, advised SA [REDACTED] that LUCHESE did not make reservations in advance for the 1962-1963 winter season at the Balmoral. [REDACTED] said, however, that LUCHESE has not previously made reservations until the fall preceeding the season. He added that he has every reason to believe that LUCHESE will again be a guest at the Balmoral Hotel during the coming winter season.

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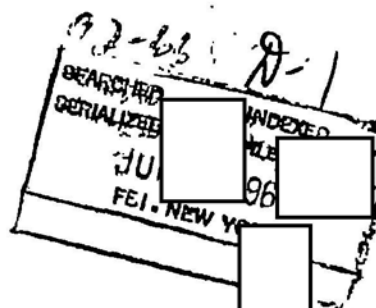
For the information of New York, on May 15, 1962,  
SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (92-2878)

June 28, 1962

SAC, Miami (92-293 Sub II)

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THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
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(OO: New York)

A review of the subject's activities in the Miami Division has reflected LUCHESE has, for the last two winter seasons, vacationed at the Salmoral Hotel, Bal Harbour, Florida. During the time he was in the Miami area other leading hoodlums and commission members were known to be in this area and in contact with him.

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① - New York (92-665) (RM)  
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July 5, 1982

Director, FBI (92-2878)

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THOMAS LUCHESE, aka  
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Reurlet 6/28/82.

Provided full security is assured, you are  
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① - New York (92-665)

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To: SAC, Miami (92-203 Sub 2)

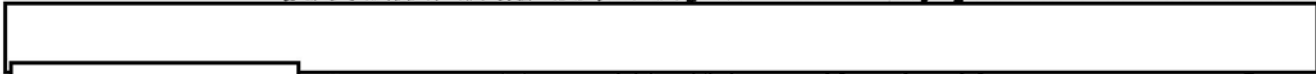
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From: Director, FBI (92-2878)

THOMAS LUCHESE, AKA  
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Provided full security is assured, you are authorized



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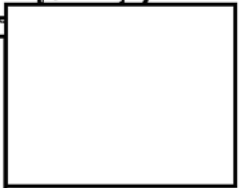
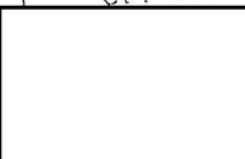
In connection with this authorization, you are also authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$100 in taking the action you recommend.

Keep the Bureau and the New York Office completely and promptly advised in this matter.

1 - New York (92-665)

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Director, FBI (92-2878)

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THOMAS LUCHASE, aka  
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In view of the fact that a considerable length of time has elapsed since you were authorized to conduct a survey to determine [Redacted]

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[Redacted] without such a survey being conducted, your authority is being rescinded. In the event you develop information which would warrant such a survey, you may resubmit your request.

① - New York (92-605)

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[redacted] advised on August 30, 1963, that [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4227) Date: 10/30/63  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-1984-Sub I)  
SUBJECT : VINCENT A. SCRO  
AR

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ReBuffalo airtel 9/4/63, to Bureau, with  
carbon copies to NY.

Enclosed for Buffalo Office will be found [redacted]

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Inasmuch as Buffalo has previously summarized  
the material contained in [redacted] pertaining to  
Buffalo, it is not being repeated. The following summary  
concerns information [redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (92-4227) (RM)
- 20 - Buffalo (92-61-Sub 1) (Encls. 4) (RM)
- 3 - Philadelphia (RM)
- 3 - Newark (RM)
- 4 - Phoenix (RM)
- 3 - Los Angeles (RM)
- 2 - New York (92-2300) (Cosa Nostra)
- 1 - New York (92-668) (Joe Magliocco)
- 1 - New York (92-658) (Vito Genovese)
- 1 - New York (92-638) (Joseph Bonanno)
- 1 - New York (92-657) (Carlo Gambino)
- 1 - New York (92-2727) (Ambrose Magliocco)
- 1 - New York (92-2827) (John Morales)
- 1 - New York (92-1586) (Salvatore Bonanno)
- 1 - New York (92-665) (Thomas Luchese)
- 1 - New York (92-1459) (Joseph Valachi)
- 1 - New York (92-683) (Frank Scalise)
- 1 - New York (92-739) (Angelo Bruno)
- 1 - New York (92-864) (Steve Magaddino)
- 1 - New York (92-1984-Sub 1)

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DATE: 3/13/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5962)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-1569)

SUBJECT: THOMAS EBOLI aka  
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The following is a [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] as reported by [REDACTED]

EXTREME CARE AND CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN THE  
USE OF THIS INFORMATION SO AS TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS  
VALUABLE INFORMANT.

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- 3 - Bureau (92-5962) (RM)  
4 - Newark (92-1193) (RM)  
    (1 - JOSEPH ZICARELLI)  
    (1 - ANGELO DE CARLO)  
17 - New York (92-1569)  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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1 - New York (166-1)  
1 - New York (92-1913)  
1 - New York (92-774)  
1 - New York (92-766)  
1 - New York (92-657)  
1 - New York (92-668)  
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1 - New York (92-3085)  
1 - New York (92-3241)  
1 - New York (92-2300)

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3096)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-379-SUB S)

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SUBJECT: ANGELO DE CARLO, aka.  
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While in attendance at the recent Criminal Intelligence Conference at the NYO, representatives of the Newark Division learned of the plan to [REDACTED] the Federal Grand

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2 - New York (92-766) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2924)  
(ATT: FBI LABORATORY  
CRYPTANALYSIS-TRANSLATION SECTION)

Date: 4/28/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-864)

JUNE

SUBJECT: STEVE MAGADDINO aka  
AR

(OO: BUFFALO)

Re Buffalo airtel to Bureau, dated 3/18/64.

There follows a [redacted] received in the NYO with a copy of referenced letter.

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Enclosed for the Buffalo Office are [redacted] mentioned above which contain material reported by [redacted] on 3/12/64. Five copies are being submitted for the Buffalo Office for whatever additional dissemination the Buffalo Office may feel necessary.

One copy is being submitted to the Newark, Philadelphia and Phoenix Offices for information purposes.

2-Bureau (92-2924) (RM)  
5-Buffalo (92-61 Sub 3) (Encls. 3)  
1-Newark (INFO)  
1-Philadelphia (INFO)  
1-Phoenix (INFO)  
1-New York (92-2300) (LA COSA NOSTRA)  
1-New York (92-638) (JOSEPH BONANNO)  
1-New York (92-665) (THOMAS LUCHESE)  
1-New York (92-1586) (SALVATORE WILLIAM BONANNO)  
1-New York (92-864) (STEVE MAGADDINO)  
1-New York (92-668) (JOSEPH MAGLIOCCO)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-8054)

DATE: 6/4/64

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-1303)

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SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA, aka.  
AR - CONSPIRACY

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3 Bureau (RM)  
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4 New York (92-2300) (RM)  
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2 Newark  
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Date: 9/24/64

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

JUNE

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-2300)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

On 9/22/64, \_\_\_\_\_ reported the following  
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1-Detroit (92-914) (RM)  
1-Los Angeles (92-1112) (RM)  
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1-Newark (92-1203) (RM)  
1-Philadelphia (92-1027) (RM)  
1-Phoenix (92-278) (RM)  
1-San Francisco (92-593) (RM)  
1-New York (92-658)  
1-New York (92-1569)  
1-New York (92-638)  
1-New York (92-657)  
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2-New York

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Identity of Source

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Reliability

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information in the past

Date of Activity

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Date Received

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Date: 9/25/64

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-1203-SUB. 1)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA; aka  
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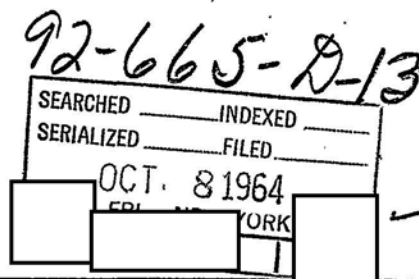
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 2-Pittsburgh (92-599) (RM)  
 4-Newark

(1-92-722-SUB 3)  
 (1-92-388-SUB 5)  
 (1- [REDACTED])

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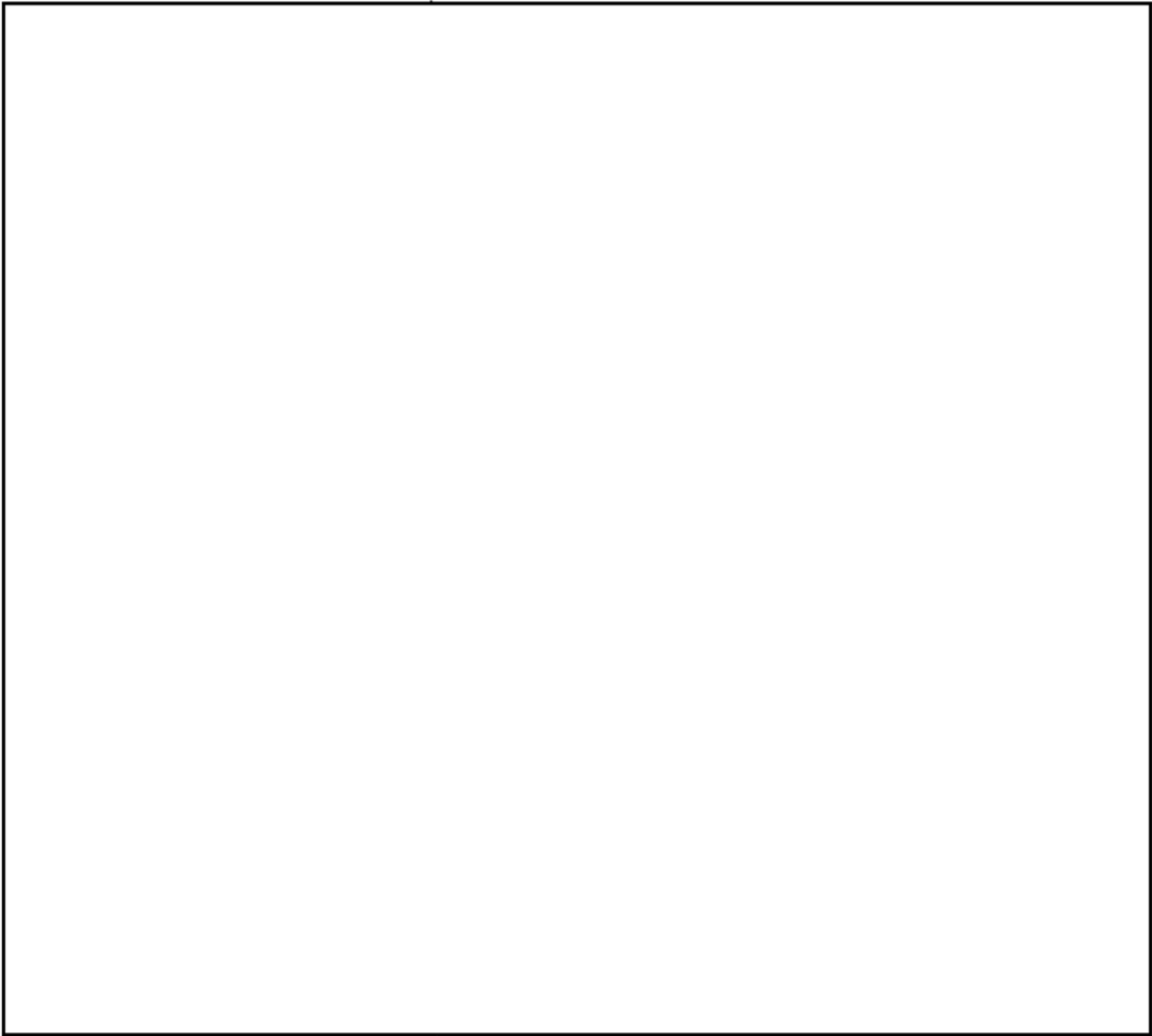
Copies of this communication are designated for  
those offices [redacted]  
[redacted] Leads for investigation to establish [redacted]  
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additional identifying information.

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ORIGINATING WITH [REDACTED] TO INSURE THAT SOURCE IS NOT  
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Date: 9/28/64

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-1203-SUB 1)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

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Re Newark airtel dated 9/24/64.

On 9/22/64 [ ] reported that [ ]

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 ② New York (92-2300) (RM)  
 2 - Buffalo (92-337) (RM)  
 2 - Detroit (92-914) (RM)  
 2 - Philadelphia (92-1027) (RM)  
 2 - Phoenix (92-278) (RM)  
 4 - Newark  
     (1 - 92-722 SUB 3)  
     (1 - 92-377 SUB 9)  
     (1 - [ ])

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 1 - NY 92-657  
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 Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 9/28/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-2300)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR-CONSPIRACY

On 9/25/64, [redacted] advised of the following

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Special Agent in Charge

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DUE TO THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SOURCE OF THE  
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- 1 - (100-93572) (NATIONAL GUARDIAN) (81)
- 1 - (100-103390) (JAMES ARONSON) (45)
- 1 - (100-16976) (ANNA LOUISE STRONG) (33)
- 1 - (92-665) (THOMAS LICHNER) (22)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

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ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN  
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Date: 10/8/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2961)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (92-118)(P)

RAYMOND L. S. PATRIARCA, aka

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(OO: BOSTON)

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1-Chicago (Info)(RM)  
1-Las Vegas (Info)(RM)  
1-New Haven (Info)(RM)  
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THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMANT'S POSITION  
NECESSITATES THAT EVERY EFFORT BE EXERCISED TO MAINTAIN HIS  
SECURITY.

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Date: 10/9/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-2300)  
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

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ReNYteletype to Bureau, 10/6/64.

NONE OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD BE  
DISSEMINATED OR DISCUSSED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU WITHOUT THE  
EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC (100-78633)

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100-77572 (MAYNARD BOWEN) (43)  
100-12180 (JAMES ARTHUR) (45)

[redacted]

57-159 (THE WORKER) (42)  
100-260 (A.C.P.S.A.) (41)  
100-665 (THOMAS LOCKE) (22)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)  
 FROM SAC, NEWARK (92-1203-Sub 1)  
 RE LA COSA NOSTRA  
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At approximately \_\_\_\_\_ according  
 to \_\_\_\_\_

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3 - Bureau RM  
 (8) - New York (92-2300) RM

1 - 92-665  
 1 - 92-657  
 1 - 92-638  
 1 - 92-1965  
 1 - 92-658  
 1 - 92-1596

4 - Newark

1 - 92-722-Sub 3  
 1 - 92-406-Sub 1  
 1 - \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

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FROM SAC, NEWARK (92-1203 Sub 2)

SUBJECT LA COSA NOSTRA  
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At approximately 10:30 a.m., on 10/22/64, [redacted]  
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- 3 - Bureau (92-6054) (RM)
- 7 - New York (RM)
  - (2- 92-2300)
  - (1- 92-638) (BONANNO)
  - (1- 92-657) (GAMBINO)
  - (1- 92-658) (GENOVESE)
  - (1- 92-665) (LUCHESE)
  - (1- 92-1965) (COLOMBO)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info.) (RM)
- 3 - Newark
  - (1- 92-1203 Sub 2)
  - (1- 92-722 Sub 3)
  - (1- [redacted])

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Date: 10/23/64

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5962)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-1569)

SUBJECT: THOMAS EBOLI aka  
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3-Bureau (92-5962) (RM)  
4-Newark (92- ) (RM)  
    {1-92-1193}  
    {1-92- } (GERARDO CATENA)  
2-Buffalo (RM)  
2-Philadelphia(RM)  
1-New York (92-665)  
1-New York (92-657)  
1-New York (92-638)  
1-New York (92-658 Sub A)  
1-New York (92-2300)  
1-New York (92-2885)  
1-New York (92-2474)  
1-New York (92- ) (DI GIOVANNI)  
1-New York (92- ) (JOHNNY BURNS)  
1-New York (92- ) (JOEY COLOMBO)  
1-New York (92-1569)

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1-New York (92- )  
1-New York (92-1122)  
1-New York (92-2894)  
1-New York (92-2476)  
1-New York (92-2089)  
1-New York (92-2376)  
1-New York (92-2100)

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAVING COME FROM A  
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USED IN THE HANDLING OF THIS INFORMATION SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE  
THIS VALUABLE INFORMANT.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3054)  
FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-1203 SUB 1)  
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
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- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
③ - New York (92-2300) (RM)  
1 - 92-638  
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1 - 92-1596  
1 - 92-1965  
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1 - 92-406 SUB 1  
1 - 92-722 SUB 3  
1 - [redacted]  
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1- 92-665 (THOMAS LUCHESE) (22)  
1- 100-68223 (LEONARD BOURDIN) (44)  
1- [REDACTED]  
1- [REDACTED]  
1- [REDACTED]  
1- [REDACTED]  
1- [REDACTED]  
1- 100-93572 ("NATIONAL GUARDIAN") (42)  
1- [REDACTED]  
1- [REDACTED]

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Date of Activity [REDACTED]

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1- 92-665 (THOMAS LUCHESE) (22)

1- [REDACTED]

1- [REDACTED]

1- 100-85223 (LEONARD EDDY) (43)

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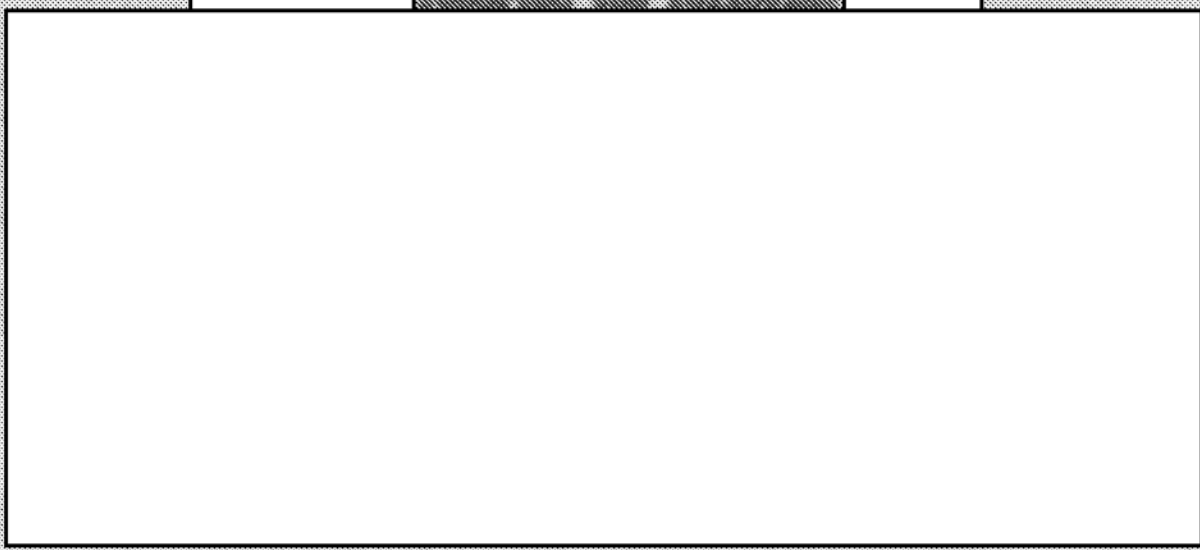
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ENCLOSURE MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (98-4881)  
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (98-712-Sub B)  
RE: SAIRIL RIBBO DE CAVALCANTE, aka.  
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enclosed the following



- 3 - Bureau RM
- 3 - New York (98-2500) RM
- 1 - 98-636
- 1 - 98-657
- 1 - 98-658
- 1 - 98-659
- 1 - 98-1560
- 1 - 98-27302
- 3 - Newark
- 1 - 98-7334

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2961)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (92-118) (P)

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3-Bureau (RM)  
 1-Birmingham (Info) (RM)  
 1-Mobile (Info) (RM)  
 1-New Haven (Info) (RM)  
 1-New Orleans (Info) (RM)  
 2-New York (1-92- T. LUCHESE) (RM)  
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THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMANT'S POSITION  
NECESSITATES THAT EVERY EFFORT BE EXERCISED TO MAINTAIN HIS  
SECURITY.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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REGISTERED MAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-1203 SUB 2)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR-CONSPIRACY  
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Remvairtel. 10/29/64. enclosing material for

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Following is a

reported on 10/16/64 by

Underlined portions were \_\_\_\_\_ and furnished  
by Bureau letter dated 11/23/64.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Boston (92-605) (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (92-337) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (92-1123) (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (92-748) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (92-914) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (92-1112) (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (92-262) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (92-1027) (RM)
- 1 - Phoenix (92-278) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (92-593) (RM)
- 7 - New York (RM)
  - 1 - 92-2300
  - 1 - 92-638
  - 1 - 92-657
  - 1 - 92-658
  - 1 - 92-665
  - 1 - 92-1569
  - 1 - 92-1965
- 4 - Newark
  - 1 - 92-377 SUB 9
  - 1 - 92-722 SUB 3
  - 1 - \_\_\_\_\_

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NK 92-1203 SUB 2

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File \_\_\_\_\_ Class. \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Serial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Date charged

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-3096)  
 FROM SAC, NEWARK (92-379 SUB 5)  
 SUBJECT ANGELO DE CARLO, aka.  
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Re Newark teletype 2/2/65.

The following reflects the details of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
 3 - New York (RM)  
     (1 - 92- ) (CARLO GAMBINO)  
     (1 - 92- ) (TOMMY LUCHESE)  
 17 - Newark  
     (1 - 92-1203) (COSA NOSTRA)  
     (1 - 92-747) (ANTHONY RUSSO)  
     (1 - 92-615) (ANTHONY SANTOLI)  
     (1 - 92-388) (JOSEPH ZICARELLI)  
     (1 - 92-650) (ANTHONY BOIARDO)  
     (1 - 92-375) (RUGGERIO BOIARDO)  
     (1 - 92-722) (SAM DE CAVALCANTE)  
     (1 - 92-377) (GERRY CATENA)  
     (1 - 92-740) (GENE CATENA)  
     (1 - 92-1900) (BERNIE FURST)  
     (1 - 92-1433) (LENNY PIZZOLATO)  
     (1 - 92-1376) (VITO PIZZOLATO)  
     (1 - 92-1536) (TONY PROVENZANO)  
     (1 - 92-1336) (NICK ALDARELLI)  
     (1 - [REDACTED])

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Newark will remain alert to these matters and keep the Bureau advised.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)  
 FROM SAC, NEWARK (92-1203 SUB 1)  
 SUBJECT LA COSA NOSTRA  
 AR - CONSPIRACY

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 OR SUSPECTS.

On 2/2/65, [ ] reported that [ ]

3 - Bureau (RM)	1 - Philadelphia (RM)
8 - New York (92-2300) (RM)	1 - Phoenix (RM)
(1 - 92-638) (JOSEPH BONANNO)	1 - Pittsburgh (RM)
(1 - 92- ) (JOHN MORALES)	1 - St. Louis (RM)
(1 - 92- ) (BILL BONANNO)	1 - San Francisco (RM)
(1 - 92- ) (JOSEPH NOTARO)	4 - Newark
(1 - 92-657) (GAMBINO)	(1 - 92-722 SUB 3)
(1 - 92- ) (GASPAR DE GREGORIO)	(1 - [ ])
(1 - 92- ) (LUCHESE)	(1 - 92-1566 SUB 1)
1 - Boston (RM)	JPW: amd
1 - Buffalo (RM)	(34)
1 - Chicago (RM)	
1 - Cleveland (RM)	
1 - Dallas (RM)	
1 - Denver (RM)	
1 - Detroit (RM)	
1 - Houston (RM)	
1 - Kansas City (RM)	
1 - Los Angeles (RM)	
1 - Miami (RM)	
1 - Milwaukee (RM)	
2 - New Haven (RM)	
(1 - 92- ) (JOSEPH LA SELVA)	

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (92-1203 SUB 1)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY  
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RE: Newark teletype 2/5/65.

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3 - Bureau (RM)

10 - New York (92-2300) (RM)

1 - JOSEPH NOTARO

1 - JOHN BURNS

1 - JOSEPH BONANNO (92-638)

1 - CARLO GAMBINO (92-657)

1 - BILL BONANNO

1 - GASPAR DE GREGORIO

1 - THOMAS LUCHESE

1 - Boston (RM)

1 - Buffalo (RM)

1 - Chicago (RM)

1 - Cleveland (RM)

1 - Dallas (RM)

1 - Denver (RM)

1 - Detroit (RM)

1 - Houston (RM)

1 - Kansas City (RM)

1 - Los Angeles (RM)

1 - Miami (RM)

1 - Milwaukee (RM)

1 - New Haven (RM)

1 - Philadelphia (RM)

1 - Phoenix (RM)

1 - Pittsburgh (RM)

1 - St. Louis (RM)

1 - San Francisco (RM)

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1 - 92-722 SUB 3  
(DE CAVALCANTE)

1 - 92-388 (ZICARELLI)

1 - [REDACTED]

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On 2/5/65, [redacted] reported that [redacted]

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TELETYPE = URGENT = ENCODE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054) (SAC, MIAMI)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (92-2300)  
RE: LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

INFO RECEIVED FROM LIVE & HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES  
NEWARK AND NYO INDICATE POSSIBLE COMMISSION MEETING IN MIAMI, FLA.,  
AREA.

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AT TWO PM FOR MESSAGES.

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1-Detroit  
1-Newark  
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AIRMAIL TO BUFFALO, CHICAGO, DETROIT, NEWARK, PHILA.

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Date: 2/18/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (92-1203 Sub 1)

SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA  
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- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
4 - New York (92-2300) (RM)  
    (1-NOTARO)  
    (1-GAMBINO)  
    (1-LUCHESE)  
5 - Newark (92-1203 Sub 1)  
    (1-DE CAVALCANTE) (92-722 Sub 3)  
    (1-ZICARELLI) (92-388 Sub 5)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-632) (P)  
SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DATE: 3/4/65

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I MANPOWER ASSIGNED TO PROGRAM

A.

There were 81 men exclusively assigned to this program as of the last inspection of the NYO (March, 1964).

B.

At present there are 71 men now exclusively assigned to this program.

II MAN DAYS EXPENDED ON PROGRAM

A.

During the month of January, 1965, 1,448 man days were expended on this program.

B.

During the month of February, 1965, 1,187 man days were assigned to this program.

2 - Bureau

(7) - New York

(1 - 92-638) (Info)  
(1 - 92-657) (Info)  
(1 - 92-658) (Info)  
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IV UTILIZATION OF TOP ECHELON CRIMINAL INFORMANTS

A.

[REDACTED] During the month of February, 1965, there were [REDACTED] top echelon criminal informants being actively handled under this program.

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B. During the month of February, 1965, [REDACTED] top echelon criminal informants were developed.

V IDENTIFICATION OF "LA COSA NOSTRA" MEMBERS

A.

809 members of "La Cosa Nostra" have been identified as being present in the territory of the NYO.

B.

During the month of February, 1965, five members of "La Cosa Nostra" were identified as such as a result of either live member or [REDACTED] sources.

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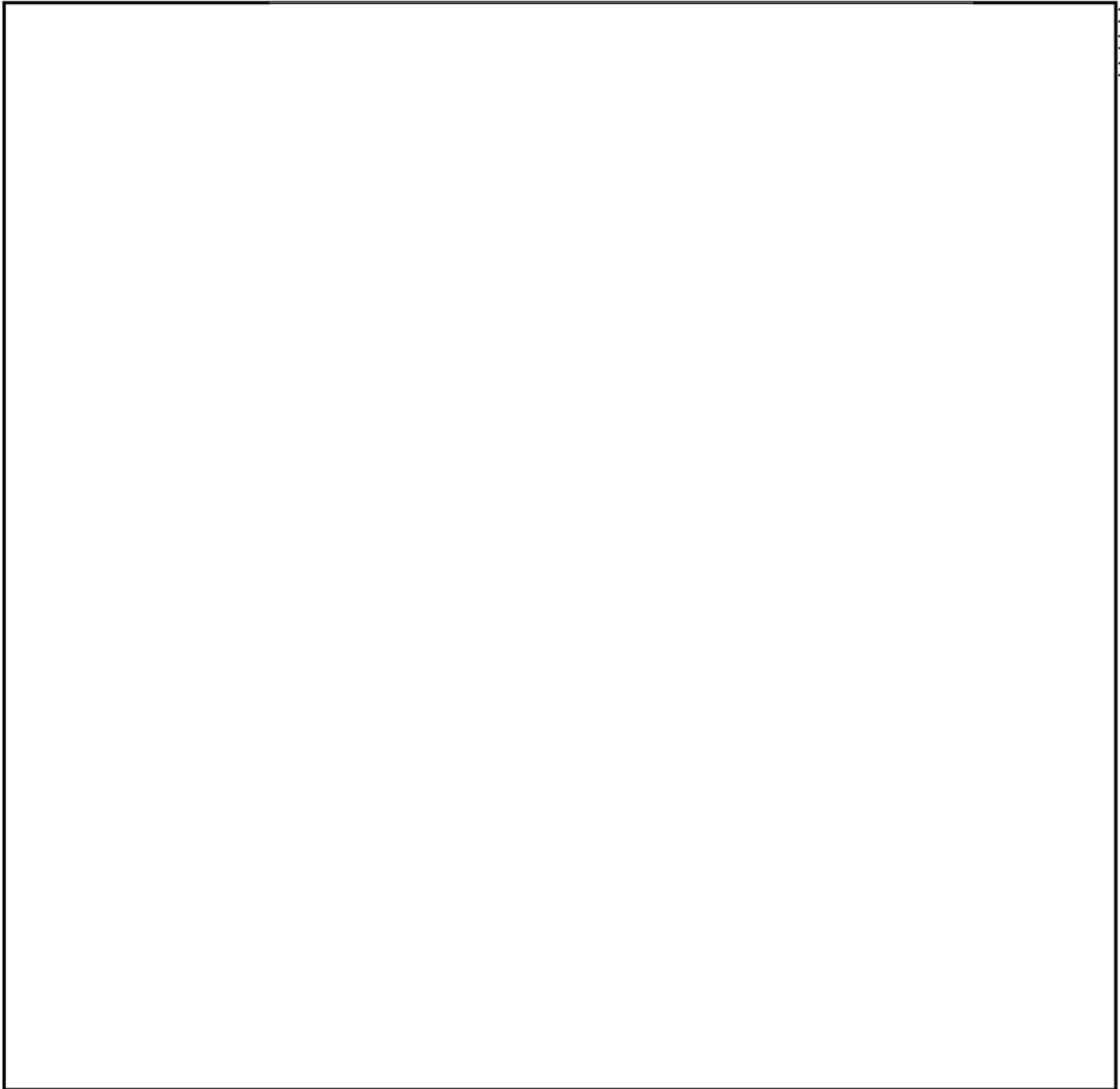
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VI PROSECUTIVE ACTION

A. Arrests



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With the exception of those names mentioned above, no effort is being made to obtain the identity of the other individuals arrested in view of the nature of the violation.

In the course of investigation captioned [redacted] aka; ET AL; ITAR; ITWI - CONSPIRACY; FRAUD BY WIRE" (NY 165-303), an indictment was filed in USDC, SDNY, on 2/19/65, charging ANTHONY THOMAS NAPOLITANO with conspiracy to violate Title 18, USC, Sections 1952 and 1084. NAPOLITANO was arrested by NYO agents on 2/23/65, and arraigned USDC, SDNY, same date.

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In case entitled, [redacted] ITAR; ITWI" (NY 165-860) subject [redacted] was indicted on 2/18/65 by a FGJ, SDNY. A bench warrant was issued and fugitive form letter submitted. Subject arrested at Stamford, Connecticut, on 2/19/65, by Agents of the NYO and New Haven Office and arraigned in USDC, SDNY, same date.

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In case captioned, [redacted] ET AL; ITAR - GAMBLING, CONSPIRACY" (NY 168-132) (Newark - 00), on 2/19/65, [redacted] residents of Brooklyn, NY, and listed as fugitives, were arrested by the NYO. Arrests were based upon bench warrants filed in USDC, Newark, New Jersey, charging the [redacted] with violation of Title 18, USC, Sections 1952 and 371. The [redacted] were arraigned before USC, EDNY, same date.

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#### B. Indictments

On 2/25/65, MICHAEL J. SCANDIFIA, a member of the CARLO GAMBINO "family" of "La Cosa Nostra", was indicted in the EDNY for violation of Federal Income Tax Laws.

As noted above, on 2/19/65 an indictment was filed in USDC, SDNY, charging ANTHONY THOMAS NAPOLITANO with conspiracy to violate Title 18, USC, Sections 1952 and 1084.

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On 2/19/65, a superseding indictment was filed in the SDNY charging JOSEPH COVELLO, a "button" in the CARLO GAMBINO "family" of "La Cosa Nostra", with violation of the ITAR and ITWI Statutes. It is to be noted that COVELLO was previously arrested in April, 1964, in this matter.

As noted above, on 2/18/65, [ ] was indicted by FGJ, SDNY.

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True bills were returned during February, 1965, under Title 18, USC, Sections 1084 and 2, in the following cases:

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NY 165-212
3. "G. M. Publishing Company"  
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ITWI  
NY 165-168 (Indictments on two partners)
4. [ ]  
ITWI  
NY 165-151
5. [ ] dba"  
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NY 165-373
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9. [REDACTED]

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C. Convictions

PETER CASTELLANA, member of the GAMBINO "family" and cousin of CARLO GAMBINO, was sentenced on 2/15/65 by USDJ D. BONSAI, SDNY, to imprisonment for term of five years and fine of \$45,000.00 re Murray Packing Company bankruptcy in NYC. GANDOLFO SCIANDRA, relative of CASTELLANA, sentenced to term of 18 months. JOSEPH LUCA PAGANO, member of GENOVESE "family", sentenced to imprisonment for term of 5 years, and fine of \$45,000.00 imposed in same matter. Remaining defendants, [REDACTED] received sentence of 15 months, and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] received sentence of 12 months each.

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On 2/18/65, CALGERO LO CICERO, a member of the COLUMBO "family" of "La Cosa Nostra", was sentenced to 18 months in the EDNY for violation of Internal Revenue Laws.

D. Recoveries

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VII ANTICIPATED PROSECUTIVE ACTION

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On 3/11/65, MICHAEL SCANDIFIA will be brought before USDJ, SDNY, to enter a plea in regard to the IRS violation for which he was indicted on 2/25/65.

B. Fugitives

The following two fugitive investigations are presently being conducted on two known members of the CARLO GAMBINO "family" of "La Cosa Nostra":

PETER JOSEPH FERRARA aka -  
FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY 88-6867

ANGELO MELI -  
FUGITIVE  
UFAP - MURDER  
NY 88-6868

FERRARA and MELI were indicted in June, 1964, by Kings County, New York Grand Jury and charged with the gangland slaying of ALFREDO SANTANTONIO on 7/11/63 in Brooklyn, NY.

UFAP process was obtained on 8/18/64.

FERRARA has been identified as a "capodecina" in the CARLO GAMBINO "family" of "La Cosa Nostra".

MELI has been identified as a "button" man in the GAMBINO "family".

Information copies of this communication are being furnished the designated NY control files of the five "families" of "La Cosa Nostra" to assist in the overall coordination of this program.

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# U.S. Will Quiz Cosa Nostra's Luchese Clan

A special federal racketeers grand jury tomorrow will question several members of the Cosa Nostra family headed by the notorious Thomas Luchese. U. S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau will do the quizzing at the federal courthouse in Foley Square.

The investigation marks a breakthrough for federal racketeers investigation since it will concentrate on the activities of a single family. Federal probes ordinarily do not bring in underworld figures in numbers unless they have extensive knowledge in advance. So presumably, much information has been gathered about the Luchese gang.

## Men of Wide Interests

It is believed that their interests range from narcotics, labor racketeering and gambling



Thomas Luchese  
His "family" investigated

to legitimate businesses including manufacture of clothing and ~~possessions~~.

Later in the week, members of other families will be questioned.

In recent weeks subpoenas have been served by the FBI in various parts of the U.S. and as far away as Puerto Rico.

## They Got the Call

Among those directed to appear before the grand jury were Luchese and his top aid, Stephen La Sain; Joseph (Joe Blum) Broochini; Nicholas (Big Nose Nick) Tolentino and Tony Gelo.

Non-members of the Luchese family subpoenaed included Salvatore A. Rizzo, Thomas DiGuardi, James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, Charles Rao and Vincent Rao, the last a delegate to the Apalachin underworld convention in 1957.

The federal men are expected to delve into the new ownership of the Berkshire Downs racetrack in Massachusetts. They want to know if the underworld has money invested there under legitimate fronts.

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# U.S. Jury Takes Aim at Luchesi

By DOUGLAS ANDERSON

A Federal grand jury probing the Cosa Nostra crime syndicate today set its sights on Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese, czar of a multi-million-dollar racket empire, after drawing blanks on 12 of his underlings.

Contempt citations face the even dozen Luchese lieutenants who took refuge in the 5th Amendment protection against self-incrimination despite Government promises of immunity if they talked.

Luchese, one of 30 mobsters subpoenaed so far in the Justice Dept.'s opening drive to smash the Cosa Nostra, also is expected to be a reluctant witness when he appears before the grand jury today or tomorrow.

## NAMED BY VALACHI

The dapper, Sicilian-born Luchese, named by underworld informer Joseph Valachi as leader of one of the five Cosa Nostra families controlling rackets in the Metropolitan area, always has protested he has no connection with crime.

However, the grand jury probers are seeking to link Luchese with control of the garment district rackets and operations in narcotics and loan sharking.

It could not be learned immediately whether U. S. Atty. Robert M. Morgenthau would

spring Valachi as a surprise witness at the hearing.

Valachi blew the whistle on Luchese as a crime overlord after dozens of investigations by various law enforcement agencies failed to link him with definite underworld ties.

There was a report that information supplied by Valachi has been supplemented by imprisoned Luchese aides, who have been "singing" on promises of release.

It is known that the Federal probers are determined to establish air-tight cases against Luchese and others, avoiding the mistakes in the prosecution of 60 delegates to the 1957 Apalachin crime convention, whose convictions were reversed.

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# U. S. to Call Luchese In Cosa Nostra Quiz

By ALFRED T. HENDRICKS

Ganglord Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese has a date with a federal grand jury here today or tomorrow.

But the 63-year-old reputed boss of garment district rackets is not expected to do much talking.

So far, 12 Luchese underlings have been subpoenaed before the grand jury in what government circles describe as a major drive against the five Cosa Nostra "families" controlling rackets in the metropolitan area.

Each of the subpoenaed hoodlums, however, has refused to testify, taking refuge in the Fifth Amendment barring self-incrimination.

A multi-millionaire dress manufacturer, Luchese has often denied any gangland connections. Last August, however, Cosa Nostra informer Joseph Valachi named him as head of one of the mob's five "families" in New York.

U. S. Attorney Morgenthau's office has indicated that FBI agents have turned up additional information on Luchese's underworld activities through questioning gang members serving long prison sentences.

Thirty grand jury subpoenas have been served on Luchese underlings in the current investigation.

Although he has been questioned in connection with several gangland homicides, Luchese's only prison stretch occurred in 1921, when he was picked up on a charge of car theft. Sentenced to three years, he spent 25 months at Sing Sing.

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## Luchese Faces Grand Jury Quiz

Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, one of the nation's top gangsters, is expected to appear before a Federal grand jury today or tomorrow for questioning about underworld operations.

Luchese heads one of five Cosa Nostra "families" in the metropolitan area. A multimillionaire dress manufacturer, he reportedly runs the rackets in the city's garment district. According to investigators, Luchese and his lieutenants are involved in gambling, narcotics and loan-sharking rackets.

Thirty Luchese underlings have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury as the first step in a Federal crackdown on the Cosa Nostra crime empire. So far, 12 have appeared. All invoked the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify.

United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, armed with information supplied by underworld informer Joe Valachi and other hoodlums now behind bars, hopes to obtain criminal conspiracy indictments against Cosa Nostra chieftains.

Leaders of the other four underworld "families" here are Vito Genovese, Carlo Gambino, Joseph (Joe Bananas) Bonanno and Mike Miranda.

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# Luchese Due to Face Jury on Cosa Nostra

Thomas "Three Finger Brown" will be called before a Federal grand jury prying into the Cosa Nostra crime syndicate tomorrow.

Luchese, top man of a multi-million dollar underworld empire and owner of garment factories, will be questioned about garment district rackets, narcotics and loan-sharking.

He was named before a Senate committee by Joseph Valachi as the leader of one of the five Cosa Nostra "families" running New York rackets.

A dozen of the 63-year-old lieutenants have been questioned in the last two weeks. None has talked.

But the government has a new weapon against the conspiracy of silence. A witness a grand jury, after being promised immunity, can now be hauled before a U. S. judge and ordered to talk. The Fifth Amendment no longer applies in court in this instance.

Then the witness goes back to the grand jury. If he still re-

fuses to talk, he is automatically cited for contempt of court, each citation liable to five years in prison.

It was on Oct. 8 in Washington that Valachi provided a link to Luchese's activities in the garment industry. Questioned by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, Valachi revealed he owned a negligee and ladies' ready-to-wear factory in New York.

No union organizers seemed to know of the shop.

"I run 'em out," Valachi explained. "They complained, but I had already called."

"Whom did you call?" Sen. Javits asked.

"The Dios," Valachi replied. He meant Tom and Johnny Dioguardi, alias, Johnny Dio. Johnny Dio is high up in Luchese's Cosa Nostra "family."

"Whenever any union organizer came around," Valachi

testified, "all I had to do was call Johnny Dio or Tommy Dio."

"And that was the end of it?" the Senator pursued.

"Yes," said Valachi.

Luchese himself doesn't run a union shop. He attributed this to his generosity as an employer.

Luchese is one of 30 top mobsters subpoenaed so far in the Justice Dept.'s drive to clear New York of the Cosa Nostra ring, which numbers as many as 2,000.

The government's contempt of court weapon is not expected to be used for another two weeks. Then, they will pick and choose from among the witnesses called—some taken from Federal prisons—to see which they will try to force into talking.

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# GRAND JURY CALLS COSA NOSTRA MEN IN U.S. CRACKDOWN

Indictments Sought Against  
5 'Families' That Control  
Organized Crime Here

LUCHESI DUE ON STAND

12 Underlings Are Silent  
— Government Planning  
Offers of Immunity

By EDWARD RANZAL

The Government has begun a major offensive against the Cosa Nostra, the underworld syndicate.

After an intensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Government is ready to clash with the five Cosa Nostra "families" that control the rackets in the metropolitan area.

This week the office of United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau has been presenting evidence to a Federal grand jury in an effort to obtain a criminal conspiracy indictment against Cosa Nostra members.

The initial blow is aimed at the underworld family of Thomas Luchese, also known as Three-Finger Brown. The short, dapper 63-year-old Luchese is reputed to control the rackets in the garment area. He is also a multimillionaire dress manufacturer.

The Luchese faction also is involved in narcotics and loan sharking. The Sicilian-born Luchese has always protested that he has no connections with crime.

## Luchese Men Silent

Thirty grand jury subpoenas have been served on Luchese underlings, returnable every day this week. So far 12 members have appeared, but have refused to testify, seeking refuge in the Fifth Amendment's protection against self-incrimination.

Luchese is expected to appear before the panel either today or tomorrow.

The present investigation seeks to avoid the pitfalls of the ill-fated Apalachin trial in 1959.

This case grew out of a police raid in 1957 on an Apalachin, N.Y., estate where about 60 members of the national crime syndicate were holding a conference. The Government obtained a criminal-conspiracy indictment against many of the members.

The case was tried primarily on circumstantial evidence, since no one at the meeting would talk and a motive could not be directly proved. The defendants were convicted, but

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the convictions were reversed and the indictment was thrown out by the United States Court of Appeals, which held that no crime had been proved.

The Government obtained some information about the Luchese group from Joseph Valachi, the underworld informer. But more important, there are indications that F. B. I. agents may have secured additional information from Luchese gang members serving long prison terms.

The prosecution is expected to make liberal use of the various Federal statutes giving immunity from prosecution to witnesses. Those witnesses who refuse to avail themselves of the immunity provisions will be prosecuted for contempt.

Under the Narcotics Laws, a Federal prosecutor may offer immunity and ask the court to enforce it. There is a provision under the Federal Communications Act permitting the commission to grant immunity, and in the Taft-Hartley Act immunity can be granted by the Bureau of Labor Management Reports.

A prosecutor can arrange for a witness to appear before either Federal body for the granting of immunity to a witness. The witness can then be brought before a grand jury with the immunity still holding.

In addition to Luchese, the leaders of the other Cosa Nostra "families" in this area are Vito Genovese, Carlo Gambino, Joseph Bonanno and Michael Miranda, believed to be head of the Profaci family.

Among the reputed members of the Luchese group are Vincent John Rao, Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo, John (Big John) Ormento, and John Dioguardi, alias Johnny Dio.

# RFK Is Briefed Here On Cosa Nostra Quiz

By JOSEPH CASSIDY

Attorney General Kennedy conferred here with U. S. Attorney Morgenthau yesterday as a special federal grand jury prepared to bring to a climax today a week of inquiry into the Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese family of Cosa Nostra.

Luchese and five remaining top figures in his group are scheduled to answer subpoenas today.

Twenty-three others, including Stephen La Sala, the family's "underboss," or No. 2 man, have made brief appearances during the week, five of them yesterday. All took the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify. They were given subpoenas to return at varying dates next month.

## Opening of Drive

As told exclusively in THE NEWS last Sunday, Luchese Week, concluding, is the opening

phase of a government drive against the crime syndicate.

Other Cosa Nostra units in this area whose members face calls are the Vito Genovese, Carlo Gambini, Joseph Bonnano, and former Joseph Profaci families.

## Brother Called In

Morgenthau met Kennedy at LaGuardia Field at 9 A.M. and they discussed the inquiry while riding to Manhattan by car. They also got together later.

Luchese lives at 74 Royat St., Lido Beach, L. I. Due in with him today are his brother, Joseph, called Joe Brown, of 144-34 South Drive, Malba, L. I.; James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, of 400 E. 59th St.; Vincent Rao, erstwhile Apalachin delegate, of 192 Dunwoody St., Yonkers; Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato, of 34-31 81st St., Jackson Heights, Queens, and Andimo Pappadio, of 121 Eva Drive, Lido Beach.

## The Nontalkers

Yesterday's nontalking witnesses were Carmine (Mr. Gribbs) Tramunti, of 145-79 Sixth Ave., Whitestone, Queens; Thomas Dioguardi, of 55 Broome St., Atlantic Beach, L. I., a nephew of Plumeri; Anthony (Tony Higgins) Castaldi, of 1304 Hollywood Ave., Bronx, recently acquitted on a narcotics charge; Salvatore LoProto, of 77 Baldwin Terrace, Wayne, N. J.; Charles Rao, of 2 Hillside Road, Bronxville, and Eugene (Little Gene) Giannone, of 149-12 22d Ave., Whitestone. Most are minor characters, or soldiers in Cosa Nostra lingo.

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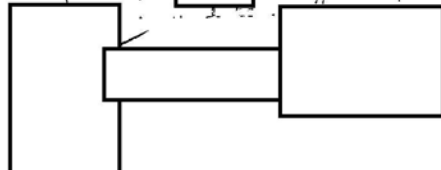
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Attorney General Kennedy talks with an aid prior to conference  
with U.S. Attorney Morgenthau.

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# Rackets Jury Calls Luchese And 5 Others

By IRVING LIEBERMAN  
And WILLIAM H. RUDY

Garment racketeer Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese and five other mobsters, described by one of their attorneys as "very hostile," were called today before a federal rackets grand jury investigating the Cosa Nostra.

First to be summoned into the jury room was James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, as the other five waited in an ante-room on the 14th floor of the U. S. Courthouse.

Plumeri took the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination after answering only two questions about his name and address. It was indicated the others would also clam up.

## 'These Guys Are Hostile'

Frederick Abrams, Plumeri's attorney, told reporters while his client was in the jury room:

"These guys are very hostile and I'll tell you they wouldn't even tell you who their lawyer is."

Luchese, 63, who lives in Lido Beach, L. I., and his brother, Joseph (Joe Brown) Luchesi, of Malba, Queens, were the first to appear at the courthouse. They slipped into the building and went quickly to the third floor where they met their attorney, Richard J. Burke, in the office of Asst. U. S. Atty. William Tandy, who is presenting the evidence to the grand jury.

The others appearing a few minutes later were Plumeri, of 400 E. 59th St.; Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato, of 34-31 81st St., Jackson Heights, Queens; Vincent Rao, of Yonkers, and Andimo Pappadio, of Lido Beach.

All were nattily dressed and silent. They refused to talk to reporters. Abrams indicated they were likely to be just as reserved before the grand jury. He said "they take the position that they have been harassed before and this is a continuation of the harassment."

## Named by Valachi

Thomas Luchesi has been named by underworld informer Joseph Valachi as head of one of the five Cosa Nostra "families" operating in this area.

The New York Post learned that fresh evidence, based on secret testimony by Valachi which has been kept secret by the Justice Dept., is the backbone of the new crackdown on the mobs.

Valachi himself is not likely to be called before the grand jury. But the government's heaviest ammunition is based on jealously-guarded information he has given to federal authorities, and which the talkative witness was instructed not to reveal on his televised appearances before a Senate investigating committee.

What one government source described as "the most massive crime crackdown in history" will spread rapidly, The Post was told.

"We are taking one 'family' at a time and we'll get to all of them," the government informant said.

U. S. Attorney Morgenthau, directing the investigation, is gunning for criminal conspiracy indictments against some of the witnesses.

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## Luchese, 5 Pals Keep Jury Date

Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese and five lesser underworld socialites kept a date with a Federal grand jury digging into Cosa Nostra activity in the metropolitan area.

Luchese, 63-year-old reputed head of the Cos Nostra 'family' dominating rackets in the garment industry, slipped into the U.S. Courthouse in Foley Square via a rear entrance to avoid scores of newsmen awaiting his arrival.

Twelve previous witnesses took the Fifth Amendment when questioned before the grand jury.

The other gangland figures who showed up for questioning with Luchese were his brother, Joseph (Joe Brown) Luchese, of 144-34 South Drive, Malba, L. I., James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, of 400 E. 59th St., Vincent Rao, of 192 Dunwoody St., Yonkers; Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato, of 34-31 81st St., Jackson Heights, and Andimo Pappadio, of 121 Eva Dr., Lido Beach.

The grand jury investigation, started two weeks ago, is being focused on the five Cosa Nostra families believed to be operating in the metropolitan area.

Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was brought abreast of developments in the investigation by U.S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau here yesterday upon Kennedy's arrival for a two-day visit.

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## Target: Cosa Nostra

Federal authorities were reported today to be tapping a vast groundswell of prison informers to gather evidence for the massive legal crackdown on the five Cosa Nostra crime syndicate "families" running the New York underworld.

The Government is granting immunity from prosecution to long-termers who spill information—a la Joe Valachi—helpful in pinpointing and documenting organized racketeering operations here.

The evidence is being amassed by teams working under assistant U. S. Attorneys assigned to probe each of the "families" coming under the scrutiny of a special grand jury.

The special panel winds up hearing evidence today on the first of the five "families" with the appearance of the reputed leader, Thomas "Three Finger Brown" Luchese, 63, whose rackets in the garment industry have reaped millions of dollars.

Five of his top lieutenants appear today with Luchese, including Vincent Rao, a delegate to the Apalachin crime conclave.

As the frontal assault on the crime syndicate gained momentum, U. S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy flew in from Washington for a two-day visit and conferred on the grand jury probe with U. S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

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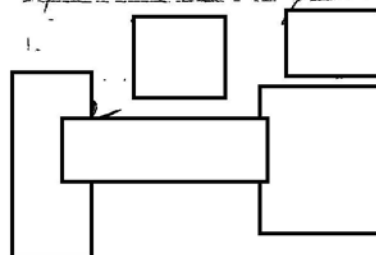
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Expected to 'Take the 5th'

## Luchese to Grand Jury Today

By Milton Lewis  
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

Thomas (Three - Finger Brown) Luchese has a date this morning with a Manhattan Federal grand jury. The jury would appreciate it if he would tell all he knows about labor racketeering, gangland murders, multi-million dollar international dope combines—and name names, of course.

It is expected that the 63-year-old Luchese, described by Joe Valachi as a Cosa Nostra 'family' boss, will keep the appointment. But written out for him on a slip of paper he will bring is the following: "Fifth amendment. I refuse to answer on the ground that what I say may tend to degrade or incriminate me."

Coincidentally, according to Federal officials, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy



Thomas Luchese

arrived in New York yesterday as the special Federal rackets grand jury continued to hear several witnesses, just as it has for the last two weeks when 15 witnesses

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carried "Fifth amendment" slips.

It was Mr. Kennedy who said last fall that Valachi's Cosa Nostra revelations caused the biggest breakthrough in the annals of organized crime—and he would like for a grand jury to "nail" somebody, especially a Three-Finger Brown.

It was emphasized that Mr. Kennedy's presence here yesterday was mere happenstance, that it had nothing to do with the grand jury. As usual, though, he was greeted at La Guardia by United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, long-time friend and also a staunch battler against organized crime.

According to Brown-Luchese's "soldiers," when their "capo" is excused today, he will go back to running his several non-union dress manufacturing plants in highly unionized New York and vicinity.



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BY COINCIDENCE, Federal officials said, Attorney General Robert Kennedy arrived yesterday in New York with an aid as Costa Nostra grand jury probe began.

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# Secret Valachi Evidence Hits Cosa Nostra

By IRVING LIEBERMAN and  
RICHARD MONTAGUE

Fresh evidence, based on still-secret testimony by underworld informer Joseph Valachi, is the backbone of the new federal crackdown of the Cosa Nostra here, The New York Post learned today.

The immediate target is reputed garment racketeer Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, who is under subpoena to appear today before a rackets grand jury here. Luchese, 63, was fingered by Valachi last fall as head of one of the five ruling Cosa Nostra "families" in New York.

Attorney General Kennedy, who flew here yesterday, was briefed on the grand jury developments by U. S. Attorney Morgenthau, who met him at La Guardia Airport.

Valachi himself is not likely to be called before the grand jury. But the government's heaviest ammunition is based on jealously-guarded information he has given to federal authorities, and which the talkative witness was instructed not to reveal on his televised appearances before a Senate investigating committee.

## Conspiracy Indictments Sought

What one government source described as "the most massive crime crackdown in history" will spread rapidly, The Post was told.

"We are taking one 'family' at a time and we'll get to all of them," the government informant said.

U. S. Attorney Morgenthau, directing the investigation, is gunning for criminal conspiracy indictments against some of the witnesses.

## Testimony 'Edited'

It was understood that Valachi's public testimony was carefully "edited" by William G. Hundley, head of the organized crime section of the Justice Dept. After the televised hearings, four federal agencies with 200 agents were assigned to check into secret leads.

Morgenthau, it was learned, is determined that none of the 300 leaders and "soldiers" in the five Cosa Nostra "families" will dodge appearances before the grand jury. The government is also expected to rely heavily on federal laws which provide for contempt of court sentences for witnesses who, in certain cases, refuse to testify even when granted immunity from prosecution.

Under both narcotics and labor laws, courts may compel witnesses to testify if they have been offered immunity.

## The 'Family' Breakdown

The contempt penalties cannot be applied in all crime cases, however, although the Justice Dept. has asked Congress to broaden its powers.

According to federal investigators, the five New York area "families" have a total membership of nearly 300, active in labor racketeering, loansharking, narcotics, circulation of bogus securities, gambling, extortion, counterfeiting and bootlegging.

Luchese's "family" is said to consist of 50 members. Other reputed Cosa Nostra leaders are Joseph Bonanno, with 16 members; Michael Mirande, with 35; Carlo Gambino, with 70, and co-leaders, Joseph ~~Phili~~ and Gerardo Catena, with 125.

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# Exit Dazed: That Was the Luchese Week That Was

By NEAL PATTERSON

Luchese Week at the U.S. Court House ended yesterday in confusion, strictly no testimony and chaotic exits by half a dozen purported Cosa Nostra big shots, pursued by more photographers and newsmen than have haunted a grand jury proceeding in months.

A high point at the conclusion was when Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, 63-year-old chief of Cosa Nostra's Luchese family, and U.S. Attorney Morgenthau simultaneously boarded the same crowded elevator.

#### No Togetherness

They sighted each other in mutual embarrassment and both ducked off—together.

Luchese laughed and took the next lift down.

Morgenthau, who was not amused, waited for another elevator.

The stocky Luchese and his five subordinates clammed under the Fifth Amendment, as their lesser cohorts had done all week. FBI men have subpoenaed 31 for return appearances, commencing March 2.

#### Rougher Next Time

By then the government may be ready to start stripping selected witnesses of the Fifth Amendment protection they claimed on grounds of possible self-incrimination.

Such witnesses can be offered immunity and jailed for contempt if they persist in refusing to answer questions about narcotics, gambling, ~~and~~ racketeering,

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loan sharking and other crime-syndicate activities.

Preceding Luchese in brief appearances in the 14th floor grand jury room were his brother, Joseph; James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, Vincent Rao, Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato, and Andimo Pappadio.

Plumeri, first in, left by the building's front door and turned purple when a phalanx of cameramen rushed at him.

He fled down the street, followed by lensmen and a swelling entourage of pedestrians.

#### Try the Stairs

Rosato and Rao demonstrated physical fitness by walking down 14 flights of stairs in efforts to elude attention.

Luchese appeared in the corridor at the same moment the grand jurors came out and started to follow a group of them into the elevator. "You can't do that," a deputy marshal told him, fishing him back.

When he finally got an elevator, Luchese left it at the third floor where his lawyer, Richard Burke, was waiting. They switched to an elevator in another bank, which disgorged them in front of the pressroom—where more photographers were waiting. They fled into the subway.

## Luchese Pleads 5th At Inquiry on Mafia

By EDWARD RANZAL

The Government ended the first round yesterday in its investigation of the crime syndicate with the appearance before a Federal grand jury of Thomas Luchese, head of a Cosa Nostra, or Mafia, "family."

Luchese, also known as Three-Finger Brown, and five underlings each spent between five and fifteen minutes before the panel.

This ended the appearance before the grand jury, for the present, of a total of 31 members of the Luchese faction who had been served with subpoenas. Some appeared every day this week before the panel.

The 63-year-old Luchese, a multimillionaire dress manufacturer, was the last to go before the grand jury. He was out in five minutes. The entire session lasted an hour. The Luchese

group is said to control the rackets in the garment center.

The rackets in the garment area include control of some independent unions and trucking concerns, loan sharking and gambling.

Luchese was said to have a number of legitimate interests in dress manufacturing and wholesale plants in the city, upstate and in Pennsylvania.

The 31 members of the Luchese faction who appeared before the grand jury refused to answer any questions. They claimed protection against self-incrimination under the Fifth Amendment.

Although the grand jury sessions were dull and pedantic, there were "interesting developments" in the investigation outside the United States Court House, according to William M. Tendy, Assistant United States Attorney, in charge of the prosecution.

He refused to elaborate, but it is believed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been receiving information from members inside the Luchese "family." Some of these members are serving long prison terms.

The second round of the investigation will open the first week in March. The 31 were ordered back before the grand jury on various days during that week. Luchese was told to return March 6.

In addition to Luchese, others who went before the grand jury yesterday were his brother, Joseph Luchese, Vincent Rao, James Plumeri (also known as Jimmy Doyle), Joseph Rosato and Andino Pappadio.

Word that the grand jury was meeting on the 14th floor of the United States Court House at Foley Square brought a score of newspapermen to the area.

The witnesses refused to talk with the reporters and in an effort to avoid newsmen Rosato walked down 14 flights of stairs.

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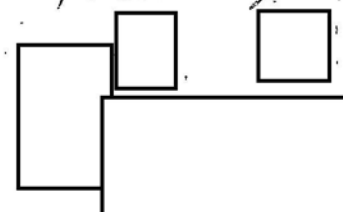
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The Sicilian-born Luchese wore a conservative dark blue single-breasted suit with a vest. After the grand jury had excused him, he donned a black overcoat and midnight blue soft felt hat.

As he stood with his lawyer, Richard Burke, in the hall waiting for an elevator, the 5-foot, 2-inch tall Luchese, his hands dug deep into his overcoat pockets, answered reporters to hard New Yorkese: "No comment—I've got nothing to say."

Luchese stared angrily through his glasses as newsmen continued to throw questions. In an effort to get away, he dashed into an elevator that was going up. When he realized his mistake, he strode from the car and pushed vigorously on the down button.

To avoid photographers, he left the building through a ground-floor entrance to a subway.



Associated Press

Thomas Luchese



# U.S. Goes After Mobs Thru Their Legit Biz

By WILLIAM FEDERICI and HENRY LEE

A brand-new technique for the prosecution of top mobsters—investigation of their legitimate business operations and their possible indictment on charges of monopoly and other business-law violations—has been devised by U. S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau, THE NEWS was told last night.

The new approach stems from Joe Valachi's testimony before U.S. Senate crime probers and its aftermath.

Following Valachi's revelations, the Attorney General's office in Washington was flooded with complaints from large and small corporations which have felt the sting of mob competition in innumerable legitimate fields.

## Dossiers Compiled

Immediately, in cooperation with other federal and local law enforcement agencies, the FBI began compiling complete dossiers on the hoods' legit interests. This was comparatively easy because, whenever called before investigating groups, the mobsters themselves identified their "honest" companies as the explanation of their livelihood.

Already, as the first step in the new technique, Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, 63-year-old chief of a Cosa Nostra family and many other top underworld executives have been brought before a federal grand jury. They operate in labor relations, the garment district, coat and apron supply, laundries, meat provisions, oil for cooking and heating, trucking and many other fields.

## Face Contempt Action

These first jury appearances were merely to inform them of their rather delicate position under the Fifth Amendment—that if they try to balk the government by sweeping claims of possible self-incrimination, they may be offered immunity and

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then jailed for contempt in case of further claustrating.

Worse, from the hoods' point of view, they were warned that their wives, children, friends and business associates also will be brought before the jury under subpoena to tell what they know about the legit businesses.

#### **Some Mob be OK**

According to THE NEWS sources, the various enterprises will stand investigation as valid and not mere fronts—but the hoods, unfamiliar with the legal ins-and-outs of doing open business, have

undoubtedly violated many commercial laws.

For one thing, THE NEWS was told, when a legit venture suffers a slump, the mobsters keep it going by transferring funds into it from the rackets, and this form of financing can be easily detected once government auditors get their hands on the books.

Additionally, by the very nature of some of the businesses—and the mobsters' instincts for centralizing power—the feds are certain that they will be able to make monopoly prosecutions stand up.

"They are now so involved in every phase of the business world that it's doubtful they themselves realize the opening they have provided for us," a high government source told THE NEWS.

"They are going to have to change their methods if they expect to stay outside of a jail."

#### **Now They're Competition**

Previously, this source said, neither the public nor honest businessmen were disturbed by mob operations confined to small saloons, candy stores and vending machine activities. But now they have expanded so deeply into all areas of business that many long-established ethical corporations have been complaining about the competition.

In other words, having crossed the line into the world of big business, the hoods will find that they are vulnerable to the same stiff laws and regulations that control any corporation.



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## Secret Files And Politicos

### EXCLUSIVE

By JAMES D. HORAN, JOHN MITCHELL  
and NATHAN ADAMS

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Confidential reports revealing how influential politicians managed to restore "good citizens" privileges to reputed rackets czar Thomas "Three Fingers Brown" Luchese, were obtained yesterday by the N. Y. Journal-American.

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Since 1950, these secret files have been held under lock and key in the Albany office of the New York State Parole Board.

A summary of the files now reveals for the first time the exact roles played by key state legislators in obtaining a good conduct certificate for a man with a record of five arrests and close associates in the underworld.

The report was obtained by this newspaper less than 24 hours after Luchese 63, a suspected "Cosa Nostra" chieftain, refused to tell a Federal grand jury what he knows about narcotics trafficking and labor racketeering in the Garment District.

#### ROLE OF WICKS

The report discloses:

- How Parole Commr. Alfred Lums conferred in March, 1950, with the then State Senate Majority Leader Arthur Wicks and relayed to the Parole Board Sen. Wicks' recommendation that Luchese be granted a certificate of good conduct.

- The role played by the late Elmer F. Quinn, State Senate minority leader, who interceded on Luchese's behalf in 1948—even though the Senator "never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Luchese personally."

- How Parole Board officials were informed of Luchese's links with "Trigger Mike" Coppola and other mobsters shortly before they approved his ap-



THOMAS LUCHESE  
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plication for the good conduct certificate.

The amazing appeals on behalf of Luchese stemmed from the purported racketeer's desire to regain the rights he lost when he was convicted of auto theft in Suffolk County, L. I., in 1931. It was Luchese's only conviction.

But it cost him two years in Sing-Sing.

Luchese, who became a naturalized citizen in 1943, was denied the right to vote due to his prior felony conviction. In order that this right be granted, he first had to obtain a certificate of good conduct from the N.Y. Parole Board.

Luchese and his supplicants began their fight to restore this right in 1945.

Three times, the Parole Board denied Luchese's application.

But, on April 18, 1950, the Board suddenly reversed its earlier decisions and granted Luchese the coveted certificate "of good conduct," thus restoring his right to vote.

#### FILES LOCKED

Even before "Three Fingers Brown" took his place among the electorate, the lid slammed down and the locks snapped shut on the Parole Board files.

It was an unprecedented move. Reporters long accustomed to cooperation from the Board found themselves confronted by a wall of silence when they asked for comment on the Luchese files.

For the next 14 years, the file rested securely under lock and key in Albany.

Only once did it come out of the darkness when several parole officials pressed—unsuccessfully—for a revocation Luchese's good conduct certificate.

It is evident that the Luchese files were suppressed because they were considered "too hot" to handle.

otics dealer" — source, Asst. Dist. Atty. Gelb., N.Y. County.

"Most feared man in the garment industry"—source, industry informants.

Mr. Stern also reported that his investigation revealed Luchese had attended a conference at the Sherry-Frontenac Hotel in Miami on Feb. 8, 1949. Fellow delegates, said Mr. Stern, included Frank Costello, Joey Adonis, Meyer Lansky, and "Lonige" Zwillman—a veritable "Who's Who" of American gangdom.

#### LINK TO MORETTI

Mr. Stern's report linked Luchese with rackets boss Willie Moretti and traced telephone toll calls between Luchese and such underworld figures as Abe Joseph, a bootlegger and policy numbers racketeer in Newburgh, N.Y., and a woman described by Mr. Stern as the "mistress of a disorderly house."

Despite Officer Stern's exhaustive report of Luchese's activities, Parole Chairman Moran inserted in the confidential file the following memorandum, dated April 11, 1950:

"The New York District (Parole Board) has conducted an extensive investigation in this case and although law enforcing agencies voice suspicions of Luchese's activities, there is no specific proof that he is engaged in rackets . . .

"In fairness to the applicant, it should be stated that he has made friends whose status cannot be questioned."

#### VISIT TO FAY

One such friend was State Sen. Wicks, the majority leader. In 1953, he was revealed by this newspaper to have been a visitor to the prison cell of convicted labor racketeer, Joey Fay, then serving time in Sing Sing for extortion. Sen. Wicks was then the acting Lieutenant Governor of New York State.

Three years earlier, in the year of Luchese's clemency, Sen. Wicks instructed a confidential aide, Benjamin Slutsky, to conduct an investigation into Luchese's affairs to determine if the convicted car thief was fit for a good conduct certificate.

The files contain Mr. Slutsky's findings in the form of a letter from him to Sen. Wicks. The letter was dated Feb. 21,

1950, and it informed Sen. Wicks that Luchese was "highly regarded" by business associates.

One such associate who regarded Luchese highly, and who was happy to say as much to Mr. Slutsky, was Joseph Langano, a convicted narcotics peddler.

#### AVOIDS PAST

Mr. Slutsky's letter to the Senator did not allude to Langano's unsavory past.

Finally, six days before the good conduct certificate was awarded to Luchese, Alfred Loos sat down and directed a confidential memo to Chairman Moran. Mr. Loos was then New York City District Director for the Parole Board.

The memo was headed: "Conference between Mr. Loos and Senator Wicks." It reads:

"Senator Wicks advised the writer (Loos) . . . inasmuch as the applicant (Luchese) had been highly recommended by close associates of his (Sen. Wicks) as being a successful businessman in the garment center . . . the Senator became interested in his case.

"Senator Wicks stated that the finding of Mr. Slutsky indicated that the applicant possessed excellent credit, is well regarded by business firms in the garment center, and con-

ducts himself in a law abiding manner.

" . . . Close associates of the Senator have recommended the applicant. Senator Wicks mentioned that he has the utmost confidence in the judgment of these associates and that on that basis is endorsing the applicant's request for a certificate of good conduct."

Later, in 1952, Sen. Wicks denied he recommended "outright" that the Parole Board issue a certificate to Luchese.

#### CAN'T REMEMBER

Reached yesterday at his home in Schenectady, Parole Commr. Loos said he could not remember a meeting with Sen. Wicks in regards to the case of Thomas Luchese.

Mr. Loos was informed by one of these reporters that this newspaper was in possession of a copy of his memo referring to the 1950 conference with Sen. Wicks. He refused to allow the reporter to read the text to him over the phone for confirmation.

Meanwhile, before voting time rolls around again in New York State, "Three Fingers Brown" Luchese has another date with a Federal Grand Jury.

He has been instructed to return to the U.S. Courthouse on March 6.

Here are some of the reasons why:

In the Luchese files, there is a letter dated May 4, 1948 written by the late Elmer F. Quinn, Senate minority leader, to the late Parole Chairman Fredrick A. Moran. It reads, in part:

"I have been asked to intercede in behalf of Thomas Luchese . . .

"I have been advised that his record has been exemplary and although I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Luchese personally, the parties who are interested in his behalf are most responsible citizens of the state. I shall be very happy to take the time and effort to appear in Albany with the sponsors . . ."

Sen. Quinn did not name these sponsors in his letter.

#### KEY REPORT

Information acquired by this newspaper also indicates that the Luchese files contain a report by Parole Officer Jacob Stern detailing the suspected mobster's affiliations and activities. This report was dated June 10, 1949—less than a year before the Parole Board cleared Luchese as a "good citizen."

Parole Officer Stern reported:

"Thomas Luchese will always be considered as a major suspect in narcotics" — source, Federal Bureau of Narcotics.

Luchese is known as a nar-

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"This man could never satisfactorily explain the source of his rather substantial income and there has been excellent reason to suspect that he is involved with racketeers. The instant investigation by no means allays these suspicions."

Letter. from Elmer F. Quinn, Senate Minority Leader, to Moran, May 4, 1948.

"I have been asked to intercede in behalf of Thomas Luchese ---.

"I have been advised that his record has been exemplary and although I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Luchese personally, the parties who are interested in his behalf are most responsible and outstanding citizens of the State. --- I shall be very happy to personally take the time and effort to appear in Albany with the sponsors ---. If you think this method will enlighten the Board in order to expedite this matter, I shall deem it both a pleasure and privilege to appear ---."

Letter. from Moran to Elmer F. Quinn, May 11, 1948

Board's previous determinations based on exhaustive investigations have failed to establish sufficient grounds to grant him certificate of good conduct.

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... And It's Subsequent Denial by Parole Chairman Frederick Moran

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## Cosa Nostra Quiz Starts 2nd Round

A special federal rackets grand jury today began recalling 31 witnesses, including Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, as part of the government's crackdown on organized crime.

Although the office of United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau would only confirm that the jury was in session today, it was learned from a Morgenthau aide that the witnesses were being recalled.

The government reportedly is giving the 31 a second chance to testify. They had re-

fused to do so previously, claiming the protection of the Fifth Amendment.

It was learned that if the witnesses still refuse to talk, contempt citations may be sought.

Luchese, 63, is reputed to be head of a Cosa Nostra "family" and the leader of rackets in the garment industry area. It was understood that Luchese would be recalled later this week.

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**Cosa Nostra Inquiry Put Off**  
 The Federal racketeering grand jury investigating the Cosa Nostra "family" of Thomas Luchese, also known as Three Finger Brown, adjourned yesterday until mid-April. Five persons under subpoena sat outside the grand jury room while the panel met briefly. No explanation was given for the delay.

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**Castaldi Gets Two Years  
In Luchese-Gang Inquiry**

Anthony Castaldi, a member of the Cosa Nostra family of Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, was sentenced in Federal Court yesterday to two years in prison for contempt of court.

Castaldi, although he had been granted immunity from prosecution, refused to answer 72 questions before a special Federal grand jury investigating the activities of the Luchese group. He can purge the contempt by answering the questions before the panel.

While before the panel Castaldi was told about testimony before a Senate investigating committee that depicted Luchese as the head of a group engaged in illicit activities, including narcotics, and that Castaldi was a member of the group. When asked if that was true, Castaldi refused to answer.

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# On the Town

By CHARLES McHARRY

Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, of Long Island's Lido Beach and Manhattan's Seventh Ave., will make his fifth and most important appearance tomorrow before the grand jury investigating happenings with the Cosa Nostra.

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## **Jury Will Hear Luchese Today**

Federal Judge John M. Cannella yesterday directed Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, Cosa Nostra biggie, to appear before the federal rackets grand jury today and answer questions under a grant of immunity. Cannella gave the order after reserving decision for a week on a 30-page memorandum submitted by Luchese's counsel, stating reasons why he should not be ordered to talk.

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# Did Luchese Sing to Jury On Rackets?

How much did Cosa Nostra chieftan Thomas "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese tell a grand jury here today about the narcotics racket.

Luchese's dilemma was that if he refused to "sing" before U. S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau's panel he would face arraignment before U. S. District Court Judge John M. Cannella—and a possible jail sentence.

Luchese, head of a Cosa Nostra "family" had been granted immunity against prosecution.

But no government official could promise him immunity against the "kiss of death" of the gangland syndicate—the penalty for breaking its code of silence.

Luchese arrived at the U.S. Courthouse in Foley Square with several attorneys. He took the elevator to the 14th floor where the grand jury's secret sessions are taking place.

## PHILADELPHIA LAWYER

Two of the attorneys were identified. One was Richard J. Burke, of 295 Madison ave., the other Jacob Kosman, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Kosman also is the legal representative of Angelo Bruno, alleged head of the Bruno Cosa Nostra "family" in the City of Brotherly Love.

Luchese was on the 14th floor for several hours, but it is not known how much of that time was spent in actual testimony.

The gangland big shot reportedly was set free after his appearance and was told to return to Foley Square on July 19 for further questioning.

Judge Cannella had ordered Luchese to talk before the grand jury of be held in contempt. Since he walked away, instead of being led before the judge, it is viewed as likely he had said something.

But how much?

No Government official would say.

"He may be immune to prosecution," a high police official said, "but he is not immune to the 'hit' guys in the Cosa Nostra. If he sings, his family would turn against him."

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# Court Orders Luchese to Sit Still and Talk

By NORMA ABRAMS

The special U. S. grand jury investigating the involvement of Cosa Nostra's Luchese gang with the narcotics traffic turned yesterday to Federal Judge Dudley Bonsal for help in getting Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, head of the clan, to talk.



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Earlier this month, the government gave Luchese immunity and ordered him to answer questions. Getting him to answer questions was tough going. Assistant U. S. Attorney William Tandy told Bonsal.

In the courtroom were 18 members of the grand jury and Luchese and four of his counsel when Tandy asked the court for help.

Explaining the government's predicament, Tandy said that on Monday Luchese had left the grand jury room 32 times to consult with counsel. On Tuesday, Tandy went on, Luchese left the room 51 times to consult with counsel.

The federal attorney said that the frequency of consultation was unreasonable and was thwarting the proceedings.

Bonsal instructed Tandy to tell Luchese the area of questioning and the questions to be put to him today before quizzing begins.

Bonsal told Luchese that he could consult with counsel before going before the grand jury, but once in the grand jury room he was to stay there until dismissed.

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# ~~Luchese~~ Taken to Hospital And U.S. Inquiry Recesses

Thomas Luchese, the reputed Mafia leader known as Three-Finger Brown, was taken from the United States Court House at Foley Square by private ambulance yesterday after an attack of "dry heaves" before a special Federal grand jury.

Luchese, who is said to suffer from angina pectoris, a heart condition, was taken to the Guggenheim Pavilion of Mount Sinai Hospital. Late yesterday his condition was reported as satisfactory and he was said to be "resting comfortably."

Luchese has been testifying with immunity from prosecution before a panel investigating the possible involvement in narcotics of the Cosa Nostra family that he reportedly heads.

Dr. Paul L. Gilbert, who is filling in for Luchese's vacationing physician, according to the United States Attorney's office, examined Luchese and reported that Luchese had a history of a heart ailment. The grand jury was recessed without a recess date.

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# Ordered to Spill on Dope, Cosa's Luchese Collapses

By NORMAN ABRAMS and SIDNEY KLINE

Under court order to testify to a grand jury but bound by the Mafia code of silence, aging Cosa Nostra chieftain Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, 66, collapsed in the U.S. Court House yesterday.

He was removed on a stretcher and in an ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital, where a government physician was to examine him.

Luchese's collapse came on his fourth and possibly showdown appearance this week before a special grand jury which, since February, 1964, has been investigating ties between Luchese's Cosa Nostra family and the international dope traffic.

## Brought Before Judge

On Wednesday, Assistant U. S. Attorney William Tendy had brought Luchese before Federal Judge Dudley B. Bonsal to protest Luchese's practice of continually leaving the grand jury room to confer with counsel outside.

Tendy said Luchese, although granted immunity, had used the maneuver 32 times on Monday and 51 times on Tuesday to block the investigation.

Bonsal told Tendy to inform Luchese and his counsel in advance of grand jury appearance what the area of questioning would be. He told Luchese to confer with counsel in advance,

and remain in the grand jury room once he had entered.

## Leaves Jury Room Again

Four lawyers accompanied Luchese to the courthouse yesterday morning. Tendy briefed them on the pending interrogation and Luchese entered the grand jury room. After half an hour he left to talk with his attorneys for 15 minutes, then returned. Questioning went on for 10 to 15 minutes.

At this point, Tendy told Luchese he was to be brought before Bonsal again. The Cosa Nostra chieftain gagged and hurried to the men's room.

## Call for Doctor

When Luchese emerged, he was put in a chair in the corridor. A nurse was summoned to administer first aid and a call was put in for Dr. Paul Gilbert of 35 E. 85th St., who ordered the hospitalization.

Jacob Kossman, one of Luchese's lawyers, said that Luchese suffered from hypertension and was "very upset."

In late afternoon, Mount Sinai reported Luchese resting comfortably.

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## Luchese Takes Sick

Thomas (Three-finger Brown) Luchese, a 66-year-old Cosa Nostra boss, went to the U. S. Court House to testify before a Federal grand jury but he wound up ill in Mt. Sinai Hospital. Luchese hadn't been very long before the grand jury, which is investigating narcotics traffic, when he ran out of the secret session and rushed to a men's room. A public nurse and a private doctor called to the courthouse took him to the building's first-aid room and tended him until an ambulance service carried him away, retching, on a stretcher. Later he was reported resting comfortably.

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Although he talked to the Federal grand jury investigating narcotics and other Cosa Nostra affairs, 66-year-old Tommy (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese didn't talk enough, and he's certain he'll be sent to jail. He's also pretty sure that his influence with the mob is a thing of the past, and that once he's locked up younger men will effect a complete take-over . . .

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# Luchese Hospitalized After Brain Surgery

By Tom Renner

New York—Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese, one of the key "commissioners" of the Cosa Nostra crime syndicate, is hospitalized here following brain surgery last month, it was learned today.

The 66-year-old crime boss, who lived like a country gentleman at his expensive home at 74

Royat St., Lido Beach, while controlling the operations of one of the nation's top crime families, is a patient at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center where he was operated on May 26.

One of Luchese's closest friends, meanwhile, Joseph (Joe Benti—"Little Rabbit") Biondo, the underboss for Cosa Nostra family leader Carlo Gambino of Long Beach, was to be buried today. Police disclosed that Biondo, 69, of 77-12 35th Ave., Jackson Heights, died at Bayview Hospital, Mastic Beach, last Friday after a seven-day illness. Death was attributed to a stroke.

A spokesman for Columbia Presbyterian said last night that Luchese had been operated on May 26, but said he did not know the nature of the operation. Police sources said the operation was brain surgery. The hospital spokesman described Luchese's condition as good.

Luchese, the target of a federal grand jury probe directed by U.S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, was described in 1963 by informer Joseph Valachi as one of the top men in organized crime and a key member of the syndicate's 12-man "commission." His only criminal conviction was for car theft in Suffolk 24 years ago. Police and federal authorities, however, described him as the top man in the garment industry rackets and a key figure in narcotics, loan shark and labor rackets.

Biondo, who moved from Atlantic Beach several years ago, was a defendant with the late deported crime chieftain Charles (Lucky) Luciano in New York when both were charged with shaking down taxicab companies.

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## Mafia's 3-Finger Brown OK After Brain Surgery

Top Mafia Boss Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese is recuperating today in the neurological division of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center after undergoing brain surgery.

The 66-year-old syndicate chieftain, named by Joe Valachi in 1963 as one of the top 12 crime czars in the country, reportedly underwent dangerous surgery on May 26.

However, a spokesman for the

medical center would say only that Luchese is a patient at the hospital.

Long a target of federal investigations, the most recent of which has been conducted by U. S. Attorney Morgenthau, Luchese currently lives in palatial splendor in Lido Beach, L. I.

Despite his acknowledged high position in the Mafia, Luchese has only one criminal conviction on his record, a car-theft rap, 26 years ago.

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## Luchese Under Knife

Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, named by Joe Valachi as one of the top 12 crime czars in the nation, was recuperating in Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center yesterday after brain surgery.

Luchese, 66, reportedly underwent surgery May 26. A hospital spokesman would say yesterday only that Luchese was a patient. Despite his reputed Mafia connections, Luchese has only one criminal blemish on his record — a car theft rap years ago.

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## Ailing Cosa Chieftain

By Tom Renner

New York—A mobster associate of racketeer Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo appears today to be in a position to leapfrog over other top hoodlums to win the crown of hospitalized Cosa Nostra crime lord Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese.

Both police and federal sources appear convinced that the ailing Luchese, who underwent brain surgery last month, would never recover sufficiently to continue as leader of his crime "family." The man they see as chief contender for his crown is Carmine (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti of Whitestone, a 52-year-old caporegime (captain) in the Luchese clan who has powerful alliances with Corallo and Manhattan racketeer James (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, both Luchese captains. Other contenders include Corallo and John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi of Point Lookout.

Attempts to get information about Luchese at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital yesterday drew guarded accounts of the 66-year-old Lido Beach mobster's ailment. "We aren't permitted to give out any information on his case," a hospital spokesman said. A nurse described Luchese's condition as "satisfactory," but added, "I'm not at liberty to give you any further information." Police sources, however, said that they had evidence to support their belief that Luchese's illness was "terminal" and that he had been "virtually written off as a boss."

The likelihood that Luchese would be unable to run his "family," led to speculation about his successor. "You have to give Tramunti the edge," a police source said.

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He'll probably get Corallo's backing because Corallo (a labor racketeer and power in the Luchese clan) can't get it himself. Ducks has too many troubles with the law, but by pushing Tramunti, he could become the power behind the throne." Dio, the source said, would normally be top contender for the job, but he faces a jail term on a federal bankruptcy fraud charge and his strongarm methods and talent for making headlines are characteristics that the Cosa Nostra "commission" seeks to avoid.

"The commission (12 bosses of top crime families) likes guys with minor records, top contacts, brains and a sense of diplomacy." He cited as examples the selection of Joseph Columbo (now Profaci mob boss) and Caspar

DeGregorio (successor to Joe Bananas) Bonanno.

Tramunti, who has appealed a one-year jail term for contempt of a federal grand jury, has a record of 15 arrests and six minor convictions, but he has managed to stay out of the public spotlight. He was Luchese's personal delegate to crime meetings held to select DeGregorio as Bonanno's successor.

Meanwhile, police sources also indicated that Long Beach crime boss Carlo Gambino is expected to replace his late underboss, Joseph (Little Rabbit) Biondo, with Amiello (O'Neil) Dellacroce, a rising star and key figure in Gambino's shylock, gambling and extortion racket. Biondo died last week in Mastic Beach from a stroke.

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## Luchese Hospitalized With Brain Ailment

Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese, one of the 12 high "commissioners" of the Cosa Nostra, is in serious condition today at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

The hospital, which acknowledged that Luchese, 63, has been there since Aug. 2, refused to describe the nature of his illness.

But Deputy Inspector Louis C. Cottell of the Police Dept.'s Central Investigation Bureau said that the Mafia chieftain has been suffering from a brain ailment.

Luchese also has a history of heart trouble.

Luchese, who lives in a palatial residence at Lido Beach, L. I., underwent brain surgery at the hospital May 26. The operation was said to be a success, but reportedly he since has had a relapse.

Last year, while testifying before a grand jury investigating Mafia involvement in the narcotics racket, Luchese collapsed and was rushed by ambulance to Mount Sinai Hospital.

Three years ago, the Justice Dept. revealed a list of 12 national leaders of the Mafia. Luchese's name was included.

Police and federal authorities describe him as the top



THOMAS LUCHESE

man in garment industry rackets and a key figure in narcotics, loan shark and labor rackets.

Not despite the surveillance of law enforcement agencies, Luchese has only one criminal conviction on his record. That was for car theft in Suffolk County 24 years ago.

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## Reluctant Three Agree to Talk in Mafia Inquiry

By EDWARD RANZAL

Three alleged Mafia leaders, two of them jailed for contempt, have agreed to testify before a Federal racket grand jury under a grant of immunity.

Government officials said they did not think the three had decided to break the code of the underworld — silence — but rather had been granted release from the code by underworld superiors.

### On Stand an Hour

The grand jury has been investigating the Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese Mafia "family," particularly its possible involvement in illegal narcotics traffic. The three witnesses have been described by the Government as members of the Luchese group.

In Federal Court yesterday,

### 2, in Prison, Move to Purge Themselves of Contempt— 3d Complies With Order

one of the three sought release from prison, 18 days after he had been convicted of contempt of court for refusing to testify.

The defendant, Anthony Castaldi, 53 years old, of 1304 Hollywood Avenue, the Bronx, testified for an hour yesterday before the grand jury to purge his contempt. His lawyer, Daniel Greenberg, told Federal Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. that he had answered all questions.

Mr. Greenberg, assuring Judge Tyler that Castaldi would continue to answer all questions, asked that the defendant be freed from the Federal House of Detention, 427 West Street.

### Society's 'Rights' Noted

Judge Tyler, who had found Castaldi guilty of civil contempt, had sentenced him to jail until he purged himself. He could have been kept in custody, under the ruling, for the life of the grand jury, or 18 months.

Assistant United States At-

torney William Tandy said he needed two more sessions before the grand jury with Castaldi. He urged the Court not to free him until his questioning was completed.

"Although I have no desire to keep him in jail any longer than is necessary," Judge Tyler said, "society is entitled to its rights, too."

Judge Tyler ruled that the Government could have until tomorrow to complete its questioning, and that if Castaldi answered all questions, he would be freed.

Another Mafia figure, Carmine Tramunti, who was sent to prison a week ago under the same circumstances, has informed the court that he, too, wishes to purge his contempt and testify before the grand jury.

The third man, Salvatore Shillatani, who has been ordered by Judge Tyler to testify, has indicated that he will comply.

A year ago the three were convicted of criminal contempt and sentenced to two years each for refusing to testify under a grant of immunity. The United States Supreme Court reversed the convictions on a technicality.

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**Lucchese Leaves Hospital**  
 Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Lucchese, reputed leader of one of the New York Cosa Nostra families, was discharged yesterday from Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, where he had been confined with a brain ailment since Aug. 2, 1965. A spokesman at the hospital said that he believed the 67-year-old patient had been taken to his home in Lido Beach, L. I.

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# 3-Finger Brown, Cosa Big, Dies

By HENRY LEE

Gaetano Luchese, 67, a stocky, mysterious little man better known to Cosa Nostra and the cops as Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese, papa of a powerful underworld "family," died early yesterday at his expensive home in Lido Beach, L. I.

Luchese, often grilled in killings, but convicted only once on a stolen car rap a quarter of a century ago, was confined in Harkness-Pavilion of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center from Aug. 2, 1966 to last April 11. He had undergone surgery and other treatment for a deep-seated brain tumor and also reportedly had a history of heart ailment.

Services will be held tomorrow morning, but unlike the gaudy gang funeral of old, with their gold bronze caskets and dozens of tears, austerity is expected to mark the occasion.

The James funeral home which is handling the arrangements at its establishment at 200 Boundary Ave., North Massapequa, refused to disclose the time or place of the services, which will be private.

Luchese emigrated from Palermo, Italy, in 1913, becoming a citizen and successfully resisting efforts to have his papers revoked on the grounds of fraud.

His only sentence was 3 to 10 years in Sing Sing, on which he served three years, for stealing a car on Oct. 2, 1921, in Bay Shore, L.I. He was twice arrested in homicide cases, but the charges were dropped.

Additionally, Luchese was questioned in the assassination of



Gaetano Luchese  
End comes at 189G home

crusading editor Carlo Tresca in 1943 and the Election Day killing of Joseph Scottiriggin, a Republican pollwatcher, in 1946.

In the early 1960s, the late City Council President Rudolph Halley charged that Luchese had succeeded Frank Castello as Man-

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hattan racket king when Costello was imprisoned on income tax charges.

A decade later, in 1963, underworld informer Joe Valachi identified Luchese as head of one of the five Cosa Nostra families in the city, whereupon Luchese promptly visited the Nassau County District Attorney William Cahn.

**"Never Heard of It"**

"Valachi's crazy," Luchese said. "I know nothing about any Cosa Nostra. Never heard of it. The only thing I belong to is the Knights of Columbus."

Reputedly, Luchese owned four dress shops netting him \$100,000 yearly and for his employees, — nonunion — there were free turkeys twice a year.

From his \$100,000 home in Lido Beach, he sent his son, Robert, to West Point, the son later becoming an Air Force captain, and his daughter, Frances, to Vassar. Later, she married the son of another Cosa Nostra chieftain, Carlo Gambino.

Luchese got his Three Finger tag after losing the index finger of his right hand in a Harlem machine shop and was nicknamed after the old-time Chicago Cubs pitcher, Mordecai Brown.

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# Rites for Luchese Being Kept Secret

By JOSEPH MANCINI

Funeral arrangements for Cosa Nostra chieftan Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese were being completed today in much the same style in which he conducted his life.

Nobody was saying very much about anything.

A wake will be held tonight at the James Funeral Home in North Massapequa, L.I. But the time and place of burial tomorrow for the 67-year-old Luchese, who died at home in bed yesterday, were being kept secret.

## Kept Lip Buttoned

The underworld always viewed Luchese as a "stand-up guy"—which is to say that he was struck dumb if questioned about his Mafia activities.

Or if not struck dumb, his remarks were not exactly revealing: "I know nothing about any Cosa Nostra," he once told a prosecutor. "Never heard of it. The only thing I belong to is the Knights of Columbus."

Luchese had been protesting for years that he was merely a businessman and devoted father. (He sent his son to West Point, his daughter to Vassar.) He sputtered when informer Joe Valachi named him one of the five New York over-bosses of the Cosa Nostra:

"I make \$100,000 a year with my dress factories. I leave the house at 7:30 every morning and don't get home until after 9 at night. I'm a hard-working, respectable businessman, and Valachi is a liar."

To fellow residents of Lido Beach, L. I., the community where he had lived for 15 years in the \$100,000 ranch home in which he died, Luchese was a good neighbor. "If he's a gangster, I wish all of them were,"

one of them once said.

## Cops Had Different Version

But the side of Three-Finger Brown the cops knew included dope-peddling, bootlegging loan-sharking, extortion and murder.

And to chroniclers of underworld history, his name belongs with that of Capone, Luciano, Costello and Genovese.

Born Gaetano Tomasso Luchese in Palermo, Sicily, he came to this country at the age of 11. He went to work as a mechanic and lost his right forefinger in a machine accident in 1919. Thus he was nicknamed, after baseball pitcher Mordecai (Three-Finger) Brown.

Luchese's only prison stretch came in 1921 when he served 25 months in Sing Sing for possessing a stolen car. In 1931, he became a syndicated power by engineering a double-cross.

## Tipped Murder Plot

Salvatore Maranzano, Cosa Nostra "boss of all bosses," planned the murder of Vito Genovese and Lucky Luciano to assure his own leadership. Luchese learned of the plot, told Genovese—and Maranzano became the victim instead.

In later years, Luchese inherited the political connections of Frank Costello and boasted of knowing judges, Congressmen and other public officials. It was Vito Marcantonio who sponsored his son's entrance to West Point.)

The brain tumor and heart ailment which finally took his life, had robbed him recently of most of his Cosa Nostra power.

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## L.I. POLICE RECORD A MAFIA FUNERAL

Mourners at Services for  
Luchese Are Photographed

By FRANCIS X. CLINES

Special to The New York Times

POINT LOOKOUT, L. I., July 15—A quiet funeral mass was celebrated here this morning for Thomas Luchese, the reputed underworld leader, as police detectives in sports clothes photographed the mourners and jotted down limousine license numbers.

Luchese, who was known to the police as Three Fingers Brown, died Thursday at his ocean-front home near here in Lido Beach. A requiem mass was celebrated this morning at the local Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

The funeral service for the alleged Mafia leader was simple and uncrowded, in contrast to a two-day wake that police officials gathered data on the families and friendships of Mafia suspects.

Police photographers snapped dozens of mourners as they visited the James Funeral Home in South Farmingdale, L. I. More than 600 license plate numbers were taken down for tracing by Federal, state, city and suburban detectives.

A score of underworld leaders were identified immediately by the police. The highest in the Mafia was said to be Carlo Gambino and Joseph Colombo, who the police described as heads of two of the five Mafia families in New York.

### Described by Valachi

Luchese was described in 1963 by Joseph Valachi, the underworld turncoat, as the leader most respected by the American Mafia. This reputation was borne out by the hundreds of guests and the truckloads of floral tokens that descended on the funeral home.

Only a fraction of this esteem was displayed today in the single flower car and nine limousines that sped ~~behind~~ a gray and black hearse to the ~~New~~ Calvary Cemetery in Woodside, Queens.

Luchese's burial ~~place~~ and ~~church services~~ had been kept a secret, but police detectives followed the cortege as it left the funeral home shortly before 9 A.M. At the church, an attendant blocked the view of a news photographer but the long lense of a police camera poking from an unmarked car was not interfered with.

A few of the 30 mourners at the church wore sunglasses, and carried umbrellas under the leaden skies, but few attempted to shield themselves from photographers. Those at the church included Luchese's brother, Joseph, and Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato, described as chief aides to the dead leader.

Among the others who paid

their respects in the last two days and who were identified by the police as ranking executives in the underworld were: John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi, Joseph Gallo, Stephano LaSalle, Vincent Rao, Aniello Della Croce, Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo, Carmine Tramunti, and Vincenzo Plumeri.

Two others, Aniello Migliore and Joseph Laratro were arrested in their Huntington homes two weeks ago by Suffolk County detectives on bookmaking and wiretapping charges.

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# Mob Seeks New Boss

By Tom Renner

South Farmingdale—The successor to crime boss Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese may already have been picked, and police were playing a guessing game yesterday. They were wondering who, of four top mobsters, would inherit the crime cartel of the Lido Beach mobster.

One top police source said: "They knew Luchese would die after the brain operation (last year) and this is a very orderly, smoothly-run crime family. If they haven't made a choice yet, you can bet they have a good idea who they'll all agree on."

None of the police from New York City, New York State, Suffolk or the federal government could agree on who was the top contender, however. Top intelligence sources saw four key figures as possible heirs to the huge crime empire, which includes control of the New York garment rackets, a major chunk of the crime territory of the Bronx and Queens, a profitable piece of the national narcotics trade.

The key contenders were identified as: Vincent Rao of Westchester, the aging and ailing counselor of the Luchese clan; John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi of Point Lookout; Ettore (Eddie) Coco of Miami Beach, a dapper lieutenant of the clan, and Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo of Queens and Miami. Two

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other lieutenants, Paul Vario of Island Park and Carmine (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti of Whitestone, Queens, were seen as dark horse contenders. Both Tramunti and Dio were at Luchese's wake here last night.

Rao, a delegate in 1957 to the Appalachin, N.Y., mobster meeting, would be a natural first choice, but he has already told family members he does not want the post unless it becomes absolutely necessary. At 69, he is semi-retired and spends long summers at his 70-unit motel on the New Jersey shore. He has never been convicted of a crime but is awaiting trial for perjury.

#### ***Fraud, Murder, Dope***

Dioguardi, 52, of 109 Point Lookout Ave., would be a major contender for the post if he did not face federal bankruptcy fraud charges. If he beats this rap, top intelligence sources contend, Dio may leapfrog over Luchese lieutenants to the top post. Coco, a top man in the Luchese organization until he drew a life sentence for murder, would be a powerful contender if he were not hampered by his Florida parole requirements, which prevent out-of-state travel. And Corallo, who was close to Dio in setting up a series of "paper" union locals in 1955 to win control of the New York City Teamsters Council, has a history of narcotics convictions working against him.



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# Luchese Dies; Wake Is Jammed

By Bob Greene

South Farmingdale—Cosa Nostra chieftain Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese of Lido Beach died of a brain tumor yesterday after an illness of 15 months. His wake last night drew one of the largest assemblages of top gangland figures ever seen on such an occasion.

Luchese, 67, of 74 Royat St., headed one of New York's five Cosa Nostra crime families and was one of the 12 members of the national Cosa Nostra "commission." As a power in the New York garment rackets, Luchese bossed a crime family that specialized in narcotics, gambling, shylocking, and labor and

construction rackets. He owned two of the largest nonunion dress manufacturing firms in the highly unionized New York garment industry, but he had been seriously incapacitated since a brain operation in the spring of 1966.

More than 400 mourners, led by Joseph Columbo, boss of another of New York's crime families, jammed the James Funeral Home in South Farmingdale, where Luchese's body will be on view until the funeral there tomorrow morning. Cars, ost of them Cadillacs and other expensive models, were parked up to five blocks away.

FBI agents, state police and detectives from Suffolk County and New York City

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watched the funeral home. Police said that the crush of mourners was the biggest that they had ever seen at a hoodlum wake. More are expected today and tonight.

Some of the mourners, aware of police surveillance, parked their cars up to a half-mile from the funeral home and were brought to the wake in a car registered to Luchese crime captain Cammie (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti of Queens. In this way the mourners apparently hope to avoid having their license plate numbers taken by police.

#### *Avoiding Photographers*

Another Luchese captain, Joseph (Joey Narrows) Laratro of Lloyd Harbor, recently arrested by Suffolk police for possession of wire-tap equipment, waited in the darkened funeral home after everyone else had left, refusing to leave while photographers were outside.

Among the mob mourners spotted last night by police were Luchese crime captain Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato; Johnny Dio and brother, Tommy Dio; Frank (Nunzio) Armar; Sam (Big Sam) Cavalieri; Joseph Calle; Charles Rao; Louis and Vincent (Beans) Pocerri; Anthony Grim and Joseph Brocchini.

Luchese was a friend of top New York City political figures, including former Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, before federal investigating committees publicized his name. He was born in Italy, and came to New York in 1911. Although he had been arrested twice in connection with murder investigations, his only conviction was for auto theft in Suffolk County 35 years ago.

Federal officials have described Luchese as one of the most powerful Cosa Nostra bosses in the nation, commanding the absolute loyalty of his large crime family. Cosa Nostra songbird Joseph Valachi told U.S. Senate probes several years ago that Luchese was the most respected family boss in the Cosa Nostra. "He's a great man," said Valachi. "Every one of us would like to be in his family. He is like a father." Luchese is survived by a daughter, who is married to Thomas Gambino, son of Carlo Gambino of Massapequa, another family boss, and a son, with a West Point graduate, and former Air Force captain.



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# Columbo Gives Eulogy on ~~Run~~

South Farmingdale—Cosa Nostra boss Joseph Columbo tried to pay an unnoticed visit last night to the wake of his fellow mobster, Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese, but was spotted as he emerged from the funeral home here behind his bulky, unidentified bodyguard.

The small (five feet, six inches tall) Columbo, who lives in Brooklyn, was reportedly upset Thursday night when police spotted him at the wake. So last night he came walking down Broadway here like someone who lived in the neighborhood and managed to slip into the James Funeral Home at 200 Boundary Ave. unnoticed in the crowd. But Columbo was noticed as he left. He walked hurriedly, trying to dodge a reporter by ducking into

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the nearby 1201 Lounge on Broadway. As the reporter also entered the lounge, a frightened-looking Columbo wheeled and asked: "What do you want from me?" When he learned that it was only an interview, he relaxed. The following conversation ensued:

Reporter: Who was inside, Joe? Columbo: A lot of nice people, all fine people. But I didn't pay any attention to who they were. I just paid my respects.

Reporter: Was Three Fingers a good friend of yours? Columbo: He was a fine man; a very nice man. . . . What are all you (news) people doing around here?

Reporter: Seeing who's new in the family? Columbo: You going to put me in that family?

Reporter: No, Joe, you have your own.

Columbo: Ha, ha. You need all these people here?

Reporter: Well, these police are for your own protection too. Angry teenagers might do you harm. Columbo: That's nice of you fellas.

Reporter: Were Joe Bonano or Gaspar DeGregorio (two other family bosses) inside? Columbo: I don't know, were they? Well, s'long fella.

Columbo then hopped into a car that had pulled up to the curb. He was driven two blocks south and he then switched to another car waiting with lights out and motor going on a darkened side street. It was like a B movie.

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# Gang's All There at Luchese Wake

By ~~Tom Renner~~ and Bob Greene

South Farmingdale—Many of New York's top hoodlums paid their final respects yesterday to dead Cosa Nostra chieftain Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese as more than 1,000 mourners elbowed into one of the largest wakes in recent gangland history.

Police expected that the Luchese funeral, scheduled for today at an undisclosed Long Island church, would rival the gaudy underworld burials of the Prohibition era. A steady stream of flower trucks has been depositing floral sprays and wreaths at the James Funeral Home on Boundry Avenue for the last two days.

The wake culminated last night in almost a carnival atmosphere as sightseers and the curious lined the streets around the funeral home, nearly blocking the driveways and causing a six-hour traffic jam at the intersection of Boundry and Broadway. The crowd of onlookers included small boys on bikes, housewives in Bermuda shorts, dating teenagers and soda-swigging men.

Leading the mourners were Carlo Gambino and Joseph Colombo, who with the dead Luchese headed three of New York's five Cosa Nostra crime families. ~~Gambino's~~ presence came as a surprise in

that he has been dodging a Queens County grand jury appearance for the past nine months on the grounds that he is too ill with a heart condition to leave his Massapequa home.

The jam of persons entering and leaving the funeral home was so great that many top mob personages present may have managed to slip in and out undetected, but police and reporters were able to identify 23 major hoodlums on sight. Others will be identified during the next several weeks as police examine pictures taken of the mourners and check out more than 600 license plate numbers taken at the scene.

Among those identified were Aniello Della Croce, underboss of the Gambino family; Joseph N. Gallo, consigliere (counselor) of the Gambino family; Stephano La Salle, Luchese family underboss, and Vincent Rao, Luchese family consigliere.

Others were Luchese caporegimes (crime captains) Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato; Joseph Luchese, brother of the dead leader; Vincenzo (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri; Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo, and Carmine (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti. Other crime soldiers of several families included Anthony (Tony Higgins) Castaldi, Anniello (Neil) Migliore, Anthony Lagumina, and Allie (Lamont) Giannattasio. A number of the mourners arrived in cars with bumper stickers urging attendance at a rally sponsored by the Italian-American Anti-Defamation League at Madison Square Garden on Oct. 19. Singer Frank Sinatra is league chairman.

The crowd of onlookers, which swelled

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through the day, was a bother to both the ~~hoodlums~~ and police who were watching them. As the mourners poured in, many of the men wearing sun glasses and silk suits and women in mink, one teenage girl onlooker nudged her companion and said: "Isn't it exciting? This is just like watching a George Raft movie on TV." But others of the curious spent their time innocently blocking police cameras and watching policemen jot down license numbers. Others became volunteer policemen running back and forth bringing new license numbers to unhappy policemen.

Police sources said that the entire funeral home, consisting of four separate chapels and a large lounge had been taken

over for the Luchese wake. But spokesmen for the funeral director and the ~~family~~ refused to tell police from which church Luchese was to be buried this morning. Burial, it was learned, will be in Section 69, Plot 164, Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City.

Besides heading one of New York's five major crime families, Luchese, 67, of 74 Royat St., Lido Beach, had been the acting director of the national commission (board) of the Cosa Nostra since the imprisonment of Vito Genovese in 1957. This title, called "boss of all bosses" by Cosa Nostra songbird Joseph Valachi, in effect made Luchese the ranking Cosa Nostra chieftain in the U.S.



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# The Case of a Missing Mourner

When Tommy (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese was buried Saturday in Calvary Cemetery in Long Island City, there were almost as many detectives to witness it as members of the Cosa Nostra family he headed. They were there, of course, for intelligence reasons, hoping for a sign that might tip off the identity of his successor in the huge crime cartel that spreads throughout the Northeast.

The man the cops didn't see was the one many Luchese subordinates agree is the most qualified for the job. The only thing that kept him from the funeral and probably will keep him from ascending to the throne is his inability to travel. He is Eddie Coco, for many years a caporegime under Luchese and the onetime en-boss with Frankie Carbo in making a crooked racket out of the fight game.



Jack Abbott

Coco retired involuntarily some years ago when he made the mistake of gunning down a car-wash boy who wasn't washing his car fast enough to suit him. The shooting occurred in Florida and earned Eddie a 20-year stretch, but he had good connections and he didn't have to serve half the time. Two years ago he got a quiet parole with help from some Suffolk relatives who still run a bookmaking operation here.

The only trouble was that the terms of the parole forbid him from leaving the State of Florida, a circumstance that does not speak well for the intelligence of the officials involved. So the only thing keeping Eddie Coco from the job that belongs to him is that silly travel restriction. Don't take odds that it won't be lifted soon.

The Cosa Nostra is also in the news on another front. It lost a major bid last week to solidify its hold on the international machinery of the racket-ridden International Longshoremen's Association. Part of the inside story is the move by the Brooklyn ILA, backed by a number of syndicate-connected figures, to wrest

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control from the old Irish mob which has one last stronghold in New York, the Hudson River piers.

The president of the ILA is Teddy Gleason, a West Side Irishman, who heads the Eastern District Council of the union. Several years ago, the Cosa Nostra got a foot in the door with the election of Joseph (Gus) Colazzo who is in the family of Carlo Gambino of Massapequa. Last week the Cosa Nostra went after Gleason by putting up Anthony Scotto, the Brooklyn ILA leader and son-in-law of the late and unlamented Tough Tony Anastasia, to run against him for the presidency. With the help of Boston locals, Gleason made mincemeat of Scotto, and Colazzo was upset in his bid for reelection by the leader of the only Brooklyn local that the mob doesn't control.

The Cosa boys are bringing tremendous pressure on the ILA convention now taking place in Miami Beach. They want Colazzo restored at all costs. And Teddy Gleason, the only man who has been able to beat the crime cartel, may have to go along to keep peace in the New York harbor area.

Nassau Democrats were rained out of their annual picnic at Salisbury Park Saturday, and the biggest problem for the committee was what to do with all the food that had been readied for 10,000 guests. They solved it by sending 7,000 ears of corn and 80 gallons of baked beans to a number of hospitals and orphanages.

Send a card to Joe Rocchio, the popular trial clerk of Nassau County Supreme Court, Part 1. He's in Syosset Hospital with a kidney condition. . . . Ed Kane, the Huntington insurance man and former All-American football star, has a special way of training for his golf matches with attorney Ben Shepps. Since he knows that Shepps is a talker (especially at the top of Kane's backswing), he practices on his lawn driving net with a radio tuned into a talk show.

The Long Island Guardians is an association of Negro policemen. The members voted recently to send a donation to a bonds for Israel drive. With the donation went a letter saying the members felt that the Jews had done much for the Negroes in this country, and they welcomed the chance to reciprocate.

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# Cosa Whisper May Herald Next 'Luchese'

By Tom Renner and Bob Greene

The first hint may come over the telephone as old friends suddenly adopt a servile tone of voice, or it may be at a restaurant where no one sits until one special man is seated.

But when it happens, police will know that a new man has inherited the mantle of dead Cosa Nostra cheftain Thomas (Three Fingers Brown) Luchese.

The new boss will head the wealthiest of New York's five Cosa Nostra crime families. He may also be Luchese's successor on the "commission," the 12-man national board of Cosa Nostra. And he will inherit a vast criminal organization ranging from garment rackets through narcotics and construction monopolies to bookmaking and policy. And for his crime family, his word will be law.

Luchese, 67, of 74 Royat St., Lido Beach, who died Thursday, was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City, Saturday, after a Solemn Requiem Mass attended only by members of the immediate family and a few close mob associates at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Point Lookout.

The name of the church where the mass was to take place was kept a closely guarded secret by the Luchese family last Thursday and Friday, when more than 1,500 persons, many of them major underworld figures, jammed the James Funeral Home in South Farmingdale for the wake. Even police on watch outside and the drivers of nine funeral sedans did not know the name or location of the church when they arrived at the funeral home during a drizzle at 6 AM Saturday.

But the presence of only one flower car behind the hearse, despite the enormous number of floral wreaths that had arrived for the wake, was a tip that the funeral would not be elaborate. At 8:30 AM the funeral procession moved south on Broadway to Montauk Highway, along Montauk to Meadowbrook Parkway and over the Point Lookout Causeway to the church. Five unmarked cars carrying detectives and federal agents brought up the rear.

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### ***Photographer's View Blocked***

Three men leaped out of one of the funeral cars blocked a newspaper photographer's line of view in an attempt to prevent his taking a picture as the coffin was removed from the hearse at the church. Later, as the casket was carried out of the church, six men held black umbrellas over it to block photos. Two other men shielded Luchese's wife, Concetta, from view with umbrellas.

Among the 120 mourners at the church were Joseph Luchese, his brother; Joseph (Joe Palinades) Rosato, Luchese's brother-in-law and a captain in the Luchese crime family, and John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi of Point Lookout, a "soldier" in the Luchese crime family. There was also a sprinkling of neighbors.

Among those considered most likely to succeed Luchese as family boss are Dio, family crime captains Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo, Carmine (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti, Vincenzo (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, and crime family "counselor" Vincent Rao. Three other dark horse candidates are "captain" Eddie Coco of Florida, Rosato, and crime "soldier" Paul Vrio of Inwood.

Police said that Luchese's successor may have been chosen during the 15 months that he suffered from the brain tumor that eventually resulted in his death. But police sources said that there are indications that the new successor may not be selected until family leaders can meet later this month. They said that no family member at the wake was treated with sufficient deference by fellow members to indicate he had assumed leadership.

Under standard Cosa Nostra procedure, the new leader will be chosen by members of his family alone, represented in council by the captains of each family regime. Until that time, Stephano (Steve) Las Salle, the crime family underboss, will maintain titular control. The choice of the new boss must be ratified by the national Cosa Nostra commission. Because of the tight, disciplined nature of the Luchese family, police do not expect any overt battle for control.

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# Mafia 'Candidates' Jockeying for Job as Luchese's Successor

By CHARLES GRUTZNER

A large segment of the underworld is in a ferment of politicking that has some resemblance to the pre-convention activities of major political parties.

The reason is the imminent selection of a successor to the late Thomas (Three-Finger Brown) Luchese as head of one of the nation's most powerful Mafia families.

Federal agents and the police are watching closely the daily movements of top figures in organized crime for clues to the time and place of the election and the identity of the ultimate choice.

Luchese's death on July 13, two years after a brain tumor had compelled him to entrust direction of his far-flung racket interests to lieutenants, created an underworld need for a single strong administrator to keep the rich and varied enterprises intact.

Since a Senate investigation in 1963, when only 50 Mafiosi were identified as members of the Luchese family, Federal grand juries have listed 500 as active in Luchese operations.

## Sophisticated Methods

These operations, according to law-enforcement agencies and investigators, include narcotics, gambling, loan-sharking, trucking, the garment industry, private garbage disposal, motels, real estate and a score of other businesses, legitimate and illegal, in this city and the metropolitan suburbs and as far off as Florida.

The investments are big enough to concern the national commission of the Mafia, consisting of about a dozen members, with deciding on Luchese's successor.

Unlike the leaders of a lesser mob who might rely on muscle

to fill a vacancy, the sophisticated contenders for Luchese's seat are politicking with powerful members of other Mafia families for support and for recommendations to be made to members of the national council in other cities.

A few aspirants have already circulated underworld rumors that one rival "is a good messenger but hasn't the brains to make decisions," that another is untrustworthy and that it would be folly to choose still another man because he would be convicted in Federal court and sent to prison before the year was out.

Vincent John Rao, 69-year-old consigliere (counselor) of the family, who attended the 1957 Apalachin, N.Y., underworld convocation, could have the leadership if he wanted it, according to informers and law officials.

But Rao, with his fortune and a craving for respectability, would rather fade into the background. He is regarded as a possible draft choice if a stalemate occurs among the active candidates.

## The Contenders

The contenders are said to include Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo, Vincenzo (Jimmy Doyle) Plumeri, Carmine (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti, John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi and his brother Thomas.

Joseph (Joe Palisades) Rosato, a brother-in-law of Luchese, and Ettore (Eddie) Coco, one-time manager of Rocky Graziano, former middleweight boxing champion, are viewed as dark horses.

All of the possible candidates are listed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the police here as Mafiosi and were so identified by Joseph Valachi, turncoat Mafioso, at the Senate subcommittee hearings in 1963. They all have arrest records of varying length.

Sterano LaSalle, who has

been reported as second in command to Luchese and might otherwise be tapped for leadership, has been ruled out of consideration because of his age. He is 75.

Rao, a resident of Yonkers, has widespread investments of his own including a large motel complex on the New Jersey oceanfront.

Corallo, Pemei, Tramunti and the Dioguardis are reported by law agencies to be associated in various rackets, particularly in the garment industry.

Corallo was arrested in 1941 when police seized a \$150,000 cache of narcotics. He was convicted of illegal possession and was sentenced to a six-month workhouse term.

In 1962, he was sent to Federal prison for two years after his conviction, along with Supreme Court Justice Vincent Keogh and former Chief Assistant United States Attorney Elliott Kahaner, in a \$35,000 bribery case.

Tramunti, who worked his way up from Luchese's chauffeur to a position of high trust in the family, is currently testifying under an immunity grant before a Federal grand jury.

John Dioguardi's chances of getting the leadership have been downgraded in some quarters because he faces trial in Federal Court in October for bankruptcy fraud. Rao is awaiting trial for perjury for having allegedly lied to a Federal grand jury after it gave him immunity.

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Vincent John Rao



Vincenzo Plumeri



Anthony Corallo



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# 5 Top Hoods Line Up to Succeed Luchese



**Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo:** Born in New York City in February, 1914, Corallo lives at 1461 144th Pl., Whitestone, Queens. A captain in the Luchese crime family, he has an arrest record dating back to 1929, claims to "own" judges, and has specialized in the garment and narcotics rackets. He is a leading contender.

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**Carmine (Mr. Gibbs) Tramunti:** Born in Naples, Italy, on Oct. 1, 1910, Tramunti lives at 145-79 Sixth Ave., Whitestone, Queens. His arrest record, including felonious assault and robbery, extends back to 1931. Tramunti, after starting as Luchese's chauffeur, rose to family captain. He is active in labor and garbage rackets.

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**John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi:** Born April 28, 1914, in New York City, Dioguardi lives at 109 Freeport Ave., Point Lookout. First arrested in 1932, Dioguardi has a long record of extortion and felonious assaults. Active in garment and labor rackets, Dioguardi now dominates the kosher salami and feinkfurter rackets.



**Vincenzo (Jimmy Doyle) Plummer:** Born in April, 1903, in Sicily, Plummer maintains two residences at 400 E. 59th St., Manhattan, and 9224 Dickens Ave., Surfside, Fla. His arrest record, including several arrests for homicide and extortion, goes back to 1913. He specializes in garment rackets, shylocking and extortion.



**Vincent John Rao:** Born in Sicily, June 29, 1898, Rao lives at 192 Dunwoodie St., Yonkers. He has an arrest record dating back to 1919 and among things known publicly, owns a large motel complex on the New Jersey shore. He would like to retire and would only become family boss if the need for a compromise arose.



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**\$14,485 in Back U.S. Taxes  
Sought From Luchese Estate**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is seeking \$14,485.32 in back income taxes from the estate of Thomas (Three Finger Brown) Luchese, papers on file at the United States Tax Court showed today.

The executors of Luchese's estate, Robert T. Luchese, his son, and Thomas F. Gambino, filed the suit, claiming the Government was unfairly trying to collect the additional taxes for the years 1958 through 1961.

Although Luchese's name is spelled Luckese in all of the papers, Government sources said he was the same man as the late Mafia leader who died last July 12 in New York.

Internal Revenue Service records filed with Luchese's papers showed that from 1958 through 1961 his income was \$20,976.64 in 1958; \$36,778.09 in 1959; \$88,651.86 in 1960 and \$96,603.14 in 1961.

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## ~~Lombardozi Gives~~ Plea of Guilty

Reputed Mafia figure Carmine Lombardozi interrupted his Brooklyn Federal Court trial yesterday and pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to cash a check stolen from a Wall Street brokerage.

Lombardozi, 55, was on trial before Judge John F. Dooling Jr. with six other defendants accused of conspiracy and transportation in interstate commerce of a stolen check.

Testimony introduced at the trial by prosecutor Daniel Hollman alleged that more than \$50,000 worth of checks had been filched by an employe of Rvis Brothers & Co. and that the conspirators had plotted to cash these by opening a bogus checking account in the Orvis name.

Lombardozi was continued free in his own recognizance to await sentencing, together with his younger brother, Daniel who similarly pleaded guilty to conspiracy.

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## Get 20 Years Each For Deals in Heroin

Two major wholesalers in heroin — one of them reputed to be high in the underworld hierarchy — were slapped with 20-year jail terms yesterday.

The pair, Victor Panica, 46, of 14-22 35th St., Flushing, Queens, and Albert Piero of 455 Ninth St., Palisades Park, N.J., were seized with 86 pounds of pure heroin, worth \$11.5 million on the street, on Jan. 27. Panica has been described as a biggie in the Thomas Luchese family.

The pair were sentenced by

Judge Lee P. Gagliardi in Manhattan Federal Court. A third member of the ring, Nicholas Cristopher, 37, of 2524 Herring Ave., Bronx, received 7½ years.

All the three were convicted of possession and distribution of heroin and conspiracy to possess and distribute the narcotic.

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TO : SAC DIVISION II

JUN 7 1979  
DATE: JUN 3 1979

FROM : ☐ SUPERVISOR ☐ (M-7)

SUBJECT: ☐ ORGANIZED CRIME INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -  
LCN FAMILY CONTROL FILES

In view of the fact that new Family control files have been established, the following files should be closed and no additional serials be placed in them:

92-654 All Subs  
92-657 All Subs  
92-658 All Subs  
92-665 All Subs  
92-1965 All Subs

It is recommended that a copy of the attached form be placed as the top serial in the above files to preclude any additional serials being placed in them.

BQMRA and NRMRA should handle closing of old LCN control files in their offices and also place a copy of attached form in them as the top serial.

- 1 - Each SAC Div I, NRMRA, BQMRA
- 1 - Each Supervisor M, NRMRA, BQMRA
- 1 - 92-654
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AS OF 6-6-79 , FILE # 92-665 sub 2 PERTAINING  
TO THE Lucchese ORGANIZED CRIME "FAMILY" HAS BEEN CLOSED.  
HENCEFORTH ALL INFORMATION RE THIS FAMILY WILL GO TO FILE  
92-9284 .

THIS SHOULD BE RETAINED AS TOP SERIAL AND NO ADDITIONAL  
SERIALS PLACED IN THIS FILE.